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An Indian Army Remount Veterinary Corps (RVC) personnel rides a bactrian camel during rehearsals for the upcoming Republic Day Parade at Vijay Chowk in New Delhi on Saturday. Dense fog shrouded the national capital on Saturday morning, drastically reducing visibility. The minimum temperature was recorded as 4.4 degrees Celsius | PTI

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INDIAN-AMERICAN AJAY BANGA ON TRUMP'S BOARD OF PEACE FOR GAZA

World Bank President Ajay Banga is among the leaders named to the founding executive panel of the Board of Peace for Gaza redevelopment

BLAIR, KUSHNER AMONG OTHER MEMBERS

Other members named include US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, US Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff, Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner, former UK prime minister Sir Tony Blair, Apollo Global Management CEO Marc Rowan and US Deputy National Security Advisor Robert Gabriel. Trump has declared himself chair of the board

MORE NAMES TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

- The Board of Peace will take on issues such as governance capacity-building, regional relations, reconstruction, investment attraction, large-scale funding and capital mobilisation, the White House said
- Each member will oversee a defined portfolio, the White House said, adding that more members will be announced in the coming weeks

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Shinde tends his BMC flock, seeks full power parity

Proposes equal share in position of mayor; some of his corporators reach out to Uddhav

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

IN the afterglow of winning the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) elections by a slim margin, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister **Eknath Shinde** sees a threat and an opportunity.

First, the threat. Shinde was forced to shift his 29 newly elected Shiv Sena corporators to a luxury five-star hotel in the suburbs as some of them had opened a line of communication with the Uddhav Sena for possible defection.

As for the opportunity, Shinde proposed to the BJP leadership that the Mumbai's Mayor post should be shared equally between the two allies, adding his corporators should also get proper representation in various committees as well.

The BMC election mandate was in favour of the BJP-Shinde Sena alliance, which together won 118 seats, just four ahead of the halfway mark of 114 in the 227-member House.

Highly placed sources said Shinde first shepherded his 29 corporators to Taj Land Sand, telling them that unless he snaps his alliance with the BJP, they must stay put at the hotel and not succumb to any pressure. He also informed them that he wanted to continue unfurling the flag of the Shiv Sena at the 150-year-old BMC building so as to continue the legacy of the late Balasaheb Thackeray.

Shinde then cancelled all meetings for the day, citing illness and began his wait for a call from the BJP's top leadership to thrash out a deal.

However, a few Shinde Sena corporators are learnt to be in touch with Uddhav Thackeray.

"It is true that some Shinde's corporators phoned a person close to Uddhav ji and told him that they had no animosity against him and Aditya Thackeray ji. Since Uddhav's party won a respectable 65 BMC seats, it could try to cobble together a new alliance. If that works out, Shinde's corporators could consider switching sides," said a source who requested anonymity.

Later in the day, Uddhav issued a cryptic message: "God willing, the next mayor of Mumbai will be from the Shiv Sena (UBT)."

Apparantly aware of the pulls and pressures, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis simply said the next mayor will be from the Mahayuti alliance.

Cong high command to take call on TN alliance

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AMID mounting tensions over power-sharing demands with the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), the Congress on Saturday asserted that the party high command will take the final call on alliance strategy at an appropriate time, and directed its Tamil Nadu leaders to maintain discipline, speak in one voice, and refrain from making public statements on the issue.

The directive followed a marathon meeting between the Congress top leadership and senior Tamil Nadu leaders at the party's Indira Bhawan headquarters in New Delhi. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge chaired the meeting, which was attended by former party chief Rahul Gandhi, AICC general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal, Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) president K Selvaperunthagai, MPs P Chidambaram, Manickam Tagore, Karti Chidambaram, Jyothimani, V Vasanth, and Professionals' Congress chief Praveen Chakravarty, among others.

The deliberations, which stretched over four hours, included one-on-one meetings between 39 state leaders and the senior leadership, including Kharge, Rahul and Venugopal.

Briefing the media after the meeting, Venugopal said the leaders had unanimously entrusted Kharge and Rahul Gandhi with decisions on election strategy and related matters. "The discussions were constructive and focused on strengthening the Congress and its future in Tamil Nadu. The leadership patiently listened to all opinions, and leaders were given the opportunity to freely express their views," he said.

He added that the high command would take appropriate decisions in due course, keeping in mind the party's ideology and the interests of the people of the state. Venugopal also said a clear directive had been issued to all leaders to avoid speculation and refrain from commenting on the matter on social media or in the press.

PRAVEEN CHAKRAVARTHY PULLED UP

According to sources, the leadership reprimanded Praveen Chakravarthy for his criticism of the DMK govt, which caused strain between the allies. Chakravarthy wrote on X that TN "has the highest outstanding debt than UP." The leaders asked him to fall in line and avoid statements that could embarrass the allies

Narendra Modi interacts with students during flagging off the country's first Vande Bharat sleeper train in Malda | PTI

TMC aiding infiltrators, PM vows 'big action' if BJP wins

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

IN a sharp attack on the Trinamool Congress (TMC), Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during a rally in poll-bound West Bengal on Saturday, accused the Mamata Banerjee-led party of turning infiltrators into voters and said 'big action' will be taken if the BJP captures power.

"Infiltrations in Bengal are rampant because of the support of the Trinamool Congress. Big actions will be taken to push back the infiltrators after the BJP comes to power in Bengal," Modi said, addressing a 'Paribartan Sankalp Sabha' in Malda, a West Bengal district that borders Bangladesh.

"Syndicates of the party (TMC) have been allowing infiltrators in Bengal for years and making them voters," Modi said. He called infiltration a big challenge for the state. "Infiltrators get involved in crimes and take away the jobs of local youth. They are grabbing your land and making an imbalance in the population map of the country," he told the voters, adding that only the BJP can take strong action.

His remarks come weeks after the Union Home Minister Amit Shah accused the state government of abetting infiltration for electoral gains.

Without taking reference of the two-day-long violence in Beldanga in the Murshidabad district, Modi lashed out at the TMC saying, "It's unfortunate how TMC hooligans have behaved indecently with a woman journalist yesterday. Girls in schools and colleges are not also safe."

Eyeing the Matua vote bank, Modi said, people who have come to India due to religious persecution need not worry. "We have given social security to the refugees through the CAA. Matua and Namasudra refugees will be brought under development activities after the BJP forms government," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Varuna village leader threatens woman officer

MYSURU: While the Karnataka government is already in a tight spot and facing embarrassment after Sidlaghatta Congress leader Rajeev Gowda allegedly abused and threatened a CMC woman commissioner, a similar incident has been reported from the Varuna constituency, represented by CM Siddaramaiah. A leader from a village allegedly abused and threatened a woman officer when she visited the site to inspect land earmarked for the construction of a hospital modelled after Nimhans. GM Puttaswamy, a resident of Gudumadanahalli village, has been accused of abusing and threatening Bhavya G, the village administrative officer (VAO) of Bandipalya circle, Varuna hobli | P9

CM raps K'taka cops, says they failed in busting drug cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah came down heavily on the state police for what he called their failure in busting drug manufacturing units in Mysuru and Bengaluru when their Maharashtra counterparts were successful in doing it. After inaugurating a two-day annual conference of police officers at the office of the state police chief in Bengaluru on Saturday, he told reporters that tough action will be taken against erring police officers. "If Maharashtra police can come to Mysuru and Bengaluru and detect drugs, why can't our state police do it," he asked, saying Karnataka police have failed in this regard.

He was referring to an operation by the Anti-Narcotics Cell of the Mumbai police, who raided a drug manufacturing unit at Belavatta on the outskirts of Mysuru in July last year and another operation by the Maharashtra Anti-Narcotics Task Force in Horamavu, Yerappanahalli and Kannur in Bengaluru in December. "No crime can take place without the knowledge of sub-inspectors, inspectors, DySPs and ACPs. Instructions have been given to senior officers to keep a close watch over their subordinates at police stations and to ensure that they are not involved in criminal activities," he said. P6

IndiGo slapped with ₹22.2-crore penalty for last month's chaos

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Saturday slapped a penalty of ₹22.20 crore on IndiGo for last month's massive flight disruptions. Additionally, the regulator directed the airline to furnish ₹50 crore bank guarantee to ensure compliance with its directives and long-term systemic correction.

The aviation watchdog also released the findings of a four-member committee constituted to investigate the disruptions that occurred between December 3 and 5. The committee identified four key reasons: over-optimisation of operations, inadequate regulatory preparedness, and deficiencies in system software support and shortcomings in both the management structure and operational control by the airline.

The committee observed that the airline's management failed to adequately identify planning deficiencies, maintain sufficient operational buffer and effectively implement the revised Flight Duty Time Limitation (FDTL) provisions. These lapses resulted in widespread flight delays and large-scale cancellations, causing inconvenience to passengers.

Recommending long-term reform measures to prevent such incidents, the committee, in its report, said, "The findings underscore the need for balanced operational planning, robust regulatory preparedness and effective management oversight to ensure sustainable operations and passenger safety and convenience."

The report further noted that the airline's overriding focus was on maximising utilisation of crew, aircraft, and network resources, which significantly reduced roster buffer margins.

The DGCA has ordered the airline to relieve the Senior Vice President for operations control centre of current operational responsibilities. It warned Interglobe Aviation's chief executive office Pieter Elbers for inadequate oversight over flight operations and crisis management.

₹20.4 CRORE FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

The ₹22.2 crore penalty includes a one-time systemic charge of ₹1.8 cr and additional ₹20.4 cr for continued noncompliance with civil aviation requirements

Nod for IPL, int'l matches at Chinnaswamy Stadium

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Home Department has granted temporary permission to the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) to host international cricket matches and also the Indian Premier League (IPL) matches at the iconic M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

The development comes after members of the state government-appointed high-level committee and KSCA officials met at Chinnaswamy Stadium on Thursday to review the work undertaken at the stadium.

In a letter to Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh on Saturday, the home department stated, "Taking into consideration the recommendations made by the expert committee, necessary action be taken to grant temporary permission to organise cricket tournaments at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, subject to the following conditions, including the requirement that the KSCA shall complete all works and safety measures suggested by the Committee within the stipulated time."

In addition to the committee's recommendations, additional safety measures required as per international standards shall be implemented while organising tournaments. The progress of work taken up by the association at the stadium shall be continuously monitored by the high-level committee and the government. If at any point the compliance by the association is found to be insufficient or inadequate, the government and the high-level committee shall reserve the right to conduct inspections at the stadium and to revise or withdraw the permission. P9

MATTER OF CONCERN

Doddaballapur lakes contaminated, B'luru at receiving end

ASHWINI M SRIPAD
@ Doddaballapur (Bengaluru Rural district)

ONE of the largest lakes in Bengaluru Rural, Doddatumakuru Lake, spread across 326 acres, and the other water body Chikkatumakuru Lake, covering 75 acres, are severely polluted and contaminated. In the absence of a scientific treatment plant, untreated sewage from the entire Doddaballapur town, along with chemical effluents from 52 industries in the Bashettihalli Industrial Area flows into these lakes, from where, polluted water reaches Bengaluru. The Arkavathy river, born on Nandi hills, flows to Doddaballapur uncontaminated. But at Doddaballapur lake, industrial effluents and sewage of Doddaballapur town flow into it, polluting the water body. The same water flows to Chikkatumakuru lake and then to Doddatumakuru lake, from where it flows through aquifers to Hesaraghatta and Tippagondanahalli, reaching Sangama and Cauvery, then reaching Bengaluru.

The villagers here say just ten years ago, the lake water was potable. But as factories mushroomed, they let out industrial residues into these lakes, severely polluting the water body. Also, sewage from Doddaballapur town is diverted into these lakes, while the existing sewage treatment plant (STP), constructed in 2017, is unscientific and not serving its purpose.

The polluted Chikkatumakuru Lake | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Vasanth Kumar PK, a member of the Arkavathy Horata Samithi, says the lake is part of the Arkavathy river system. "We have been protesting for a scientific solution and a full-fledged STP for Doddatumakuru and Chikkatumakuru lakes. More than 12 million litres per day (MLD) of toxic effluents are released into these lakes, contaminating several villages and putting thousands of lives at risk," he says. P9

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• **Sunday:** 18.01.2026 • **Year:** Vishwavasu • **Ayana:** Uththarayana
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• **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER MIN 12°C | MAX 30°C
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Sunrise 06.46 am | Sunset 06.14 pm | Moonrise 06.20 am | Moonset 05.53 pm

Forest officials have initiated steps to safeguard the eggs of turtles from predators

NESTING TIME! KUNDAPUR READY TO HOST OLIVE RIDLEYS

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

IT'S the nesting season and parts of beaches along the Kundapur coast, where olive ridley turtles come to nest, have been secured. Forest officials are getting ready after reports appeared that olive ridleys had arrived on the beaches of neighbouring Uttara Kannada district.

Special enclosures have been placed on the beaches to protect turtle eggs from dogs and other predators. These enclosures also help minimise disturbance from humans during incubation.

Forest officials told TNSE that the efforts will be in place till hatchlings emerge and make their way into the sea. Usually, the eggs hatch in 50 days. Every year, beaches under the Kundapur forest division are secured during the nesting season. With a higher success rate at Byndoor for the first time last year, the division decided to strengthen its conservation efforts this season.

The division has also intensified awareness programmes for local residents and beachgoers. Lectures on the ecological role of olive ridley turtles, particularly their contribution to maintaining coastal balance by feeding on jellyfish, are being held. By consuming jellyfish, olive ridleys indirectly support the fishing community.

Globally, olive ridleys are listed as a vulnerable species. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has classified olive ridley -- one of the seven living species of marine turtles -- as vulnerable due to its mass nesting behaviour and increasing threats from human activities such as coastal development, fishing and pollution.

Forest department sources said conservation efforts have also been launched along the coasts of neighbouring Dakshina Kannada.

In the Kundapur division, enclosures have been placed in the Kodi beach area, where turtles arrived during previous seasons. CCTV cameras have been installed at these sites to prevent vandalism and ensure round-the-clock monitoring.

Beach watchers regularly patrol the shoreline to identify nesting activity. Local fishermen also play a crucial role by keeping a watch on natural nesting sites. To encourage their participation, the department gives fishermen Rs 3,000 for identifying nesting locations. Earlier it was Rs 2,000. The ReefWatch Marine Conservation – Kundapur and other NGOs, and volunteers of the National Service Scheme (NSS) and local residents are part of the efforts to safeguard olive ridley eggs.

> *Efforts to protect the eggs of olive ridley turtles will continue till hatchlings emerge and make their way into the sea. Their eggs hatch in 50 days*
>
> Forest officials, Kundapur Division

If eggs are laid away from the waterline, barricades are erected to protect them. This is known as the in-situ conservation method. If eggs are laid close to the sea and face the risk of being washed away, they are carefully shifted to a hatchery readied by the department.

During relocation, eggs are handled skilfully and kept in the same orientation to avoid disturbing embryonic development. This is known as the ex-situ conservation method. Once the hatchlings emerge, they are released into the sea. Each nesting site will have 80-150 eggs. One hatchery can accommodate eggs from eight to 10 nesting sites. Last year, ex-situ conservation was done at six nesting sites and in-situ at eight sites under the Kundapur forest range. Around 1,500 eggs can be accommodated in a 12x8 ft hatchery, a forest official said. Even for in-situ conservation, basic enclosures will be erected.

The officials said the recent data showed encouraging progress. During 2024-25, 24 nesting sites were secured in Kundapur to protect 2,490 eggs. Of them, 1,842 hatchlings emerged, achieving a success rate of 73.97% compared to 50.3% in 2023-24.

Kundapur Range Forest Officer Raghavendra Naik said the department recently received information that olive ridleys had arrived along the coasts of Uttara Kannada. "This is an indication that olive ridleys could soon arrive along the beaches of Kundapur too. This time, we have initiated conservation efforts early," he added.

Local conservation enthusiast Ashok Poojary said the turtles' arrival appears delayed this year. "However, preparations are on. The sites are ready and we hope the turtles arrive soon," he added.

An olive ridley turtle hatchery being readied by the forest department in Kundapur

Dr MM Kalburgi was shot dead in 2015 for his fearless commitment to truth and rational thought. But his ideas and ideals continue to guide the intellectual tradition of Karnataka

World of Kalburgi between the covers

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

THE Vachanapitamaha PG Halakatti Research Centre has recently published 40 volumes, running into more than 25,000 pages, documenting the life, literature, research, plays, essays, speeches and intellectual legacy of the late Dr MM Kalburgi.

For academician Dr M S Madabhavi, who is working as secretary of the Centre, the publication of these volumes is not merely a scholarly exercise but a heartfelt tribute to one of Karnataka's most fearless and influential thinkers. The Vachanapitamaha P G Halakatti Research Centre was established in 2003 to preserve, promote and popularise the rich literary, cultural and heritage traditions of Karnataka, particularly the Vachana movement and other progressive streams of thought. From its very inception, Dr Kalburgi was closely associated with the centre. Dr Madabhavi recalled he always insisted that literary work is not just about publishing books, but about nurturing rational thinking, truth and social awareness.

Dr Kalburgi guided several major projects that are today regarded as milestones in Kannada literary research. He had a deep personal and intellectual connection with the Centre, the pioneering scholar who played a crucial role in preserving 12th-century Vachana literature. Kalburgi was aware of Halakatti's efforts in collecting and safeguarding Vachanas at a time when they were scattered across different regions and in danger of being lost forever. Halakatti passed away in 1964, but his work lived on, albeit dispersed in various forms and locations.

In 2004, Kalburgi decided that all available literature related to Halakatti should be gathered and preserved. Kalburgi was the Chief Editor.

Under his leadership, a team of 15 scholars was formed. They travelled extensively, collecting manuscripts, papers and related material from different parts of the state. Their effort resulted in the publication of 15 volumes, comprising nearly 10,000 papers, in 2008. This became the first major project of the centre and set a benchmark for large-scale literary documentation in Karnataka. The centre also undertook translation of literature from the Adil Shahi era. The Adil Shahi dynasty, which ruled large parts of the Deccan with Vijayapura (then Bijapur) as its capital, produced a vast body of literature in Persian, Urdu and Dakhani. Much of this material remained inaccessible to Kannada readers for centuries. The project, initiated in 2012 under the guidance of Dr. Kalburgi, aimed to translate this rich historical and literary material into Kannada. Kalburgi took on the task of identifying 21 significant books and bringing together experts proficient in Persian and Kannada to ensure accurate and meaningful translations.

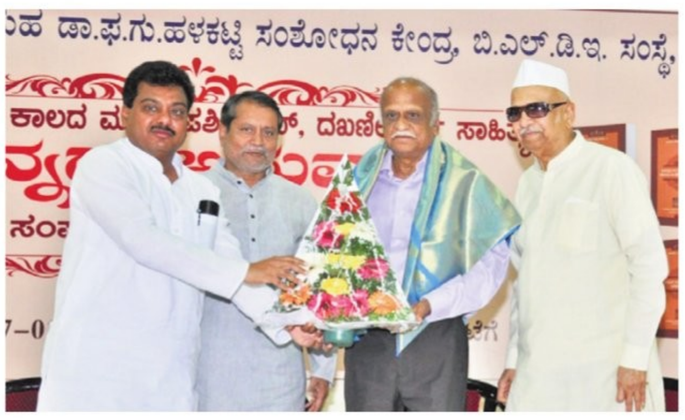
Dr Kalburgi was shot dead in 2015 for his fearless commitment to truth and rational thought. His assassination sent shockwaves across the country and dealt an irreparable blow to Kannada literature and progressive intellectual traditions.

After his demise, the Adil Shahi literature project was completed by historian Krishna Kolhar Kulkarni.

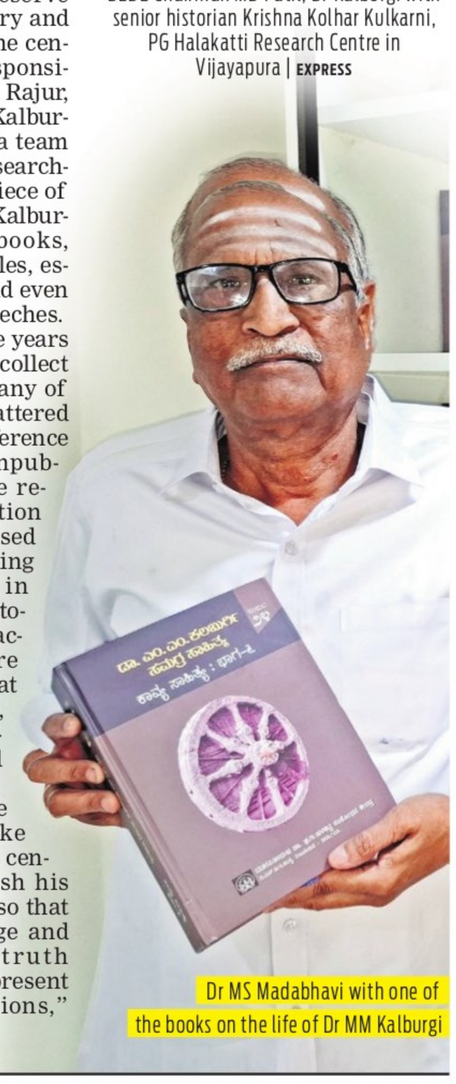
Dr Madabhavi said that just as Halakatti preserved 12th-century Vachana literature and Kalburgi preserved Halakatti's work, it now became the moral responsibility of the P G Halakatti Research Centre to preserve Kalburgi's own literary and intellectual legacy. The centre entrusted the responsibility to Dr Veeranna Rajur, a close colleague of Kalburgi. Dr Rajur formed a team of 15 scholars and researchers to collect every piece of writing produced by Kalburgi. This included books, plays, research articles, essays, manuscripts and even transcripts of his speeches.

It took nearly three years of sustained effort to collect Kalburgi's works. Many of his writings were scattered across journals, conference proceedings and unpublished archives. The result was the publication of 40 volumes, released simultaneously, marking a historic moment in Kannada literary history. To ensure wider accessibility, the centre would sell the books at half their actual price, keeping in mind students, researchers and general readers.

"We may never have another scholar like him. That is why the centre decided to publish his complete literature, so that his ideology, courage and commitment to truth continue to inspire present and future generations," Dr. Madabhavi said.



Dr MM Kalburgi being honoured by BLDE Chairman MB Patil, Dr Kalburgi with senior historian Krishna Kolhar Kulkarni, PG Halakatti Research Centre in Vijayapura | EXPRESS



Dr MS Madabhavi with one of the books on the life of Dr MM Kalburgi

Farmers stage protest against land acquisition for GBIT project

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HUNDREDS of farmers, including women, staged a protest at the Greater Bengaluru Development Authority office premises at 'kandaya bhavana', Ramanagara opposing the acquisition of their lands for the Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township (GBIT) project on Saturday.

The farmers from about twenty six villages of Byramangala and Kanchugaranahalli gram panchayat limits of Bidadi hobli picketed Magadi Congress MLA H C Balakrishna at the meeting he had organised to receive the petitions from them. They shouted 'Our land is our right', 'We will not give it..no to township', and expressed their anguish against the government.

"Since it is the government's plan, I cannot cancel the project. But I will bring your demand to the notice of the government", he said. Not convinced, the farmers had a verbal duel with the MLA. While he was receiving the petitions of some other farmers, agitators outside continued their protest. When he came out the farmers garlanded the green shawl. Breaking into a smile Balakrishna hailed farmers' protest. Chairman of the Authority G N Nagaraj Ganakal informed that as many as 84 petitions related to various issues related to the land titles, difference in measurement, unaccountable sanctioned lands have been accepted during the meeting. The GBIT project was first proposed by union minister H D Kumaraswamy of JDS in 2006 when he was the chief minister but the incumbent Congress government took it forward with a decision in the CM Siddaramaiah's cabinet in February 2025. DCM D K Shivakumar had claimed that the plan is to develop about 9,000 acres in partnership with the farmers on 50:50 share of the developed area as India's first and largest AI-powered integrated township. The JDS which changed its stance of late had staged a huge protest against the project several months ago.

Surya warns of protest over Metro fare hikes

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BENGALURU South MP Tejasvi Surya on Saturday warned of statewide protests if Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) proceeds with the proposed 5% Metro fare hike in February, calling Namma Metro the costliest in the country and demanding immediate reconstitution of the Fare Fixation Committee.

Surya said Metro fares in Bengaluru were nearly double those in Delhi, Chennai and Kochi for a 10-km journey, discouraging ordinary commuters from using public transport. He described the proposed hike as "unforgivable" and accused the State government and BMRCL of repeatedly burdening citizens through unjustified fare increases. Warning of agitation, he said the BJP would organise large-scale protests in front of every Metro station if the fare hike is implemented. He further accused the State government of shifting blame to the Centre and asserted that "anti-people and unscientific" fare hikes would not be accepted, urging authorities to protect commuters' interests.

He also flagged the prolonged delay of the Orange Line Metro project, which has been pending for over four years, and said BMRCL must take responsibility for the setback. "The earlier decision of the Fare Fixation Committee itself was flawed, and we had strongly objected to it. BMRCL chose to ignore those objections," he said.

Urging corrective action, Surya said the state government should immediately write to the Centre seeking reconstitution of the Fare Fixation Committee, adding that all Bengaluru MPs would extend full support to the demand.

EXPRESS READ

Mohey holds 'Bride Tribe' event at Jayanagar store

An influencer tries a bridal attire from the Mohey bridal collection | KEVIN NASHON

Bengaluru: Mohey hosted its 'Mohey Bride Tribe' event at its Jayanagar outlet in Bengaluru on Saturday, coinciding with the ongoing wedding season. The in store gathering brought together brides to be, fashion enthusiasts, influencers and media representatives. The store was transformed into an interactive space with experiences designed to go beyond routine shopping. These included a perfume sampling counter where visitors could choose fragrances based on their personality and create a customised perfume, and a 'Bangle Bangari' section that allowed guests to select bangles according to their personal style. Potli customisation and in-store photo sessions were also part of the event. Influencer Shravya Jamal, who attended the event, said wedding shopping is about the overall experience, noting that "it's a once in a lifetime moment and you want to feel special while choosing what you wear." The event offered a glimpse into how bridal retail spaces are being used as social and experiential hubs during the wedding season.

With illegal banners and unauthorised advertisements rampant after Christmas, New Year and Sankranti celebrations, officials of the Bengaluru East and West city corporations have launched a massive clearance drive, pulling down such publicity materials | EXPRESS

A tigress died of health complications in Mysuru Zoo on Saturday. According to zoo authorities, the three years and nine months old tigress, Preethi, was born on July 24, 2022 to Thara and Racky tigers. The animal had refused the food since last five days and was suffering with Haemoprotozoa

Nagamangala land scam: Officials suspended in Mandya, Mysuru dists

About 320 acres of govt land, valued at Rs 200 cr allegedly transferred to private individuals

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IN view of huge irregularities found in the Nagamangala taluk office in Mandya district following the suo motu case registered by Upa Lokayukta Justice B Veerappa over illegal allotment of government land worth several crores, Regional Commissioner of Mysuru Division suspended Deputy Tahsildar and Shirastedar while Mandya district Deputy Commissioner suspended four Second Division Assistants (SDAs) and relieved an Village Accountant.

In addition to this, the Deputy Commissioner issued a show-cause notice to the Tahsildar of Nagamangala taluk on the charges of dereliction of duty, as he failed to take measures to prevent tampering with records and fabricating the land records to grant of gomal land to private persons for unlawful gain.

The suspended SDAs were Satish H V, Yogesh, Gurumurthy and Vijay Kumar attached to the Nagamangala taluk office. Village Assistant S Yogesh has been relieved from the service until further orders. The Deputy Commissioner submitted a report to the Regional Commissioner to suspend Deputy Tahsildar Ravishankar, Devalapura Nada Kacheri and Shirastedar H S Umesh, Administration Section of the taluk office.

The accused officials have allegedly forged, tampered with, and fabricated documents to transfer approximately 320 acres of government land, worth Rs 200 crore, to private individuals on the pretext of allotment of land under the Bagair Hukum Committee in Nagamangala taluk.

The search was conducted in the office and residences of the accused officials based on the warrant issued by the Upa Lokayukta on January 13. Subsequent to the search, the Lokayukta police registered the crime with Nagamangala police, who arrested the accused and produced them before the magistrate, who remanded them to judicial custody on January 14.

The investigation of the case has been entrusted to Deputy Commissioner of Police, Nagamangala Sub Division, who has taken steps to nab other accused persons who have absconded following the crime registered.

Directing the Superintendent of Police of Lokayukta, Mandya, to examine the matter thoroughly, Justice Veerappa ordered him to submit the detailed report by January 19.

Back-to-back suspension, transfers in Mandya

A surprise visit by Upa Lokayukta Justice B Veerappa on May 26 has resulted in the transfer of 26 officials and suspension of 10 in Mandya district. Justice Veerappa had taken up suo motu cognisance of large-scale irregularities, maladministration and corruption in Mandya and registered 22 complaints against several officials. Now, with the suspension of four SDAs, deputy tahsildar, shirastedar the number of suspended officials has risen to 10.

FUN WITH COLOURS

Children take part in a painting contest during Bengaluru Hubba at Freedom Park on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Man threatens car driver with dagger for close overtaking

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IN a road rage incident, a motorist allegedly pulled out a dagger from his pant and threatened a car driver over suspected close overtaking.

The incident occurred at a traffic junction near Nexus Shantiniketan Mall in the Kadugodi police station limits, on Friday evening.

According to the police, the victim shared a video of the incident on X, tagging the Bengaluru City Police. Based on this, the Kadugodi police registered a suo motu case against the scooter rider on Saturday for illegal possession of a weapon. Cases have also been registered under the Arms Act, along with charges of criminal intimidation, threats and obstruction to the public. Based on the vehicle registration plate number, the accused has been identified as Arbazz Khan. The police said they are analysing CCTV footage and have launched a manhunt to trace him. The police added that the victim has been called to record his statement as part of the investigation.

Preliminary inquiry suggests that the accused overtook the victim's car shortly before both vehicles stopped near the traffic junction. The scooter rider then allegedly approached the car driver, pulled out a dagger from his pants, shouted abuses, and threatened him with dire consequences before fleeing the spot. The entire incident was captured on the car's dashcam.

EXPRESS READ

Hoax email warns of suicide bomber, RDX blasts at KIA

Bengaluru: A bomb threat email claiming the presence of a human suicide bomber and RDX-based IEDs at the terminals of KIA was sent to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) official email ID on Wednesday. After a thorough check, the threat was declared a hoax. According to the FIR registered on Friday, the NOC Unit of AAI received the email at around 9.08 am on its official email ID, from gaina_ramesh@outlook.com. The email claimed, "Implement 1979 Nainar Das Police Union in Tamil Nadu: Human suicide blast using three RDX IEDs in your airport terminals," and asked authorities to evacuate passengers by 1.35 pm before the alleged blast. No suspicious objects were found, and the threat was later confirmed to be a hoax.

3 college students die as scooter jumps divider

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Three college students were killed on the spot after their scooter jumped over a road divider and collided with a lorry coming from the opposite direction on Agalakote village road in Devanahalli traffic police limits on Saturday morning.

The deceased, Srinivas (19), Manikantha (20) and Tausif (19), were all residents of Chikkajala. The accident occurred around 11.20 am when Manikantha was riding the scooter with his two friends on the pillion. They were heading towards Budigere from Devanahalli when the rider, allegedly speeding, lost control of the vehicle near a curve. The lorry driver fled the scene after the accident but was later traced and arrested. The vehicle has been seized, police said.The Devanahalli traffic police have registered a case against Manikantha as accused number one for rash and negligent riding and against the lorry driver, Ningappa M Kattimani, who hails from Vijayapura, as accused number two.

Humane care must not be compromised amid tech pressure, says Dr Manjunath

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DR C N Manjunath, MP from Bengaluru Rural and former Director of the Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research said, "Medicine today is under pressure from technology, rising patient expectations and increasing stress on doctors, but humane care and sound clinical decision-making must not be compromised," while inaugurating Phaco Festival 2026 in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The 10th edition of the International Ophthalmology Conference is being organised by Nethradhama Super Speciality Eye Hospital under the aegis of the Karnataka Ophthalmology Society (KOS) and the Bangalore Ophthalmology Society (BOS). The three-day event, being held from January 16 to 18, has brought together ophthalmologists, surgeons, academicians and medical technology experts from India and more than 10 countries.

With the theme "The Art and Science of Ophthalmic Practice," the conference focuses on advances in cataract and refractive eye surgery, while also addressing wider challenges in clinical practice. The programme includes scientific sessions, panel discussions, live surgical demonstrations and hands-on training sessions.

Dr Manjunath stressed that understanding patients' social and financial backgrounds was essential to ethical and effective treatment decisions.

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Social Welfare Minister Dr H C Mahadevappa on Saturday warned that fascist and fundamentalist forces pose a serious threat to the country's economic growth, equity, and spirit of brotherhood. He was speaking after inaugurating a two-day national seminar on 'Bahuroopi Babasaheb - March Towards Equality', organised by Rangayana at the Kiru Rangamandira auditorium in Mysuru

DKS CANCELS DAVOS TOUR, CAMPS IN DELHI

Amid murmurs of leadership change in K'taka, Shivakumar meets Rahul Gandhi; likely to meet more top leaders

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

EVEN as talks of leadership change in Karnataka refuse to die down, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar continues to camp in New Delhi.

Shivakumar, who was in Delhi on Friday night, flew to Karnataka on Saturday to attend the funeral of veteran Congress leader Bheemanna Khandre, and returned to Delhi. On Sunday, Shivakumar is likely to meet with a few leaders of the Congress high command. The immediacy has been interpreted as his keenness to prove himself as the party's go-to man, as he has turned proactive on Assam Assembly polls, being an observer, and also to counter the Siddaramaiah camp's immediate mission of getting LoP in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi's nod for a cabinet reshuffle. Shivakumar is not ready to give it a chance, as a cabinet reshuffle would put the issue of leadership change on hold, opined a party insider. Shivakumar insisted that the top brass consider his demand — a word on change in leadership, a congress legislator told *The New Sunday Express*.

"If at all the high command gives its nod, the reshuffle would happen by the second week of February... else it would happen only after the budget session, which ends in March," he remarked.

DK Shivakumar

Rahul Gandhi

Shivakumar even cancelled his official tour to Davos to take part in the World Economic Forum to be held from January 18. But he attributed it to a series of meetings with AICC functionaries concerning Assam polls. Also, Shivakumar, as Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee chief, is spearheading campaigns against the new VB-G RAM G Bill. The Karnataka government has even called for a 7-day special session of the Assembly to discuss the matter. It will begin on January 22.

After taking part in the preparatory meeting on Assam polls held at AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence in New Delhi on Friday night, Shivakumar also met Rahul Gandhi for about eight minutes, revealed informed sources.

According to sources, Shivakumar, besides reminding the change in leadership issue, might have also volunteered to take additional charge of the Kerala Assembly polls for which Energy Minister KJ George is the observer. George, who held one-on- one talks with Rahul Gandhi before Shivakumar in Delhi on Friday, has been identified as a member of the Siddaramaiah camp.

It is to be seen whether Shivakumar meets AICC general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal, considered as Rahul's Man Friday, in Delhi on Sunday and hold talks on certain issues.

Shivakumar visited Delhi to hold discussions on Assam elections. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will continue in the post until 2028. The leadership change issue has been raised by the BJP. As the BJP has never come to power on their own in Karnataka, it is trying to create confusion among the people by raising such issues

Social Welfare Minister HC Mahadevappa

Satish-Mahadevappa closed-door meet in B'luru raises eyebrows

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

PUBLIC Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi, who returned from an overseas tour, held a closed-door discussion with Social Welfare Minister HC Mahadevappa on Saturday, triggering intense political speculation within the Congress.

The two ministers, whose official residences are located next to each other near Shivananda Circle in Bengaluru, are known to be part of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's trusted inner circle. Satish had been on a week-long visit to South Africa and returned to Bengaluru on Friday. On Saturday morning, Mahadevappa called on Satish at his residence, according to informed sources.

The timing of the meeting has assumed political significance, coming at a moment when Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, a strong aspirant for the Chief Minister's post, has travelled to New Delhi where he is likely to meet Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Rae Bareli Member of Parliament Rahul Gandhi.

Against this backdrop, the Satish-Mahadevappa meeting in Bengaluru has drawn attention across political circles. Both the ministers have consistently maintained that Siddaramaiah should complete a full five-year term as CM, firmly opposing any change in leadership under any circumstances. In contrast, Shivakumar continues his lobbying at the Delhi level, refusing to relent on his stand, sources said.

At this critical juncture, the meeting between the two senior ministers has fuelled interpretations, further underlining the simmering power dynamics within the Congress and adding a fresh layer to the ongoing leadership debate in the state.

Will the session be anything more than political posturing?

THE State Government's decision to take up a special discussion in the legislature on the economic and social impact of the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Gramin (VB G-RAM G) Act appears to be more an act of political posturing against the Union Government. It is unclear if such a discussion would yield any tangible outcome for lakhs of poor citizens in rural areas who depend on the government scheme for employment and livelihood.

The legislative session, from January 22 to 31, could just end up being yet another political platform for ongoing public outreach efforts by Congress and the BJP-JDS. The Congress is vehemently opposing the new Act that replaced the UPA government's flagship Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). The party has decided to launch a series of campaigns accusing the Union Government of depriving the rural poor of their employment opportunities, while the state government is attempting to send a message from the legislature and exploring possibilities for a legal battle to restore the MGNREGA.

Politically, it is a shrewd move by the Congress to up the ante on the issue with far-reaching implications for the rural economy and channelise public anger against the Union Government and the BJP. Clearly, the party is using all available opportunities and platforms to drive home its argument. The Congress's key concerns revolve around the change in the funding pattern – from a 90:10 to 60:40 Centre-State sharing arrangement – which burdens already stretched state finances.

Another major concern expressed by Congress is that the powers vested with Gram Panchayats under 73rd Constitutional Amendment have been taken away, undermining federalism and local self-governance.

The grounds on which Congress is opposing the Central Act have been highlighted by the party leaders on several occasions on different platforms, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. A detailed discussion in the session could be part of a larger strategy to ensure that the message resonates more widely, attempting to pressure the Union Government to address the state's concerns.

In the pre-budget meeting called by the Union Finance Minister this week, the state government stated that "to continue to provide livelihood security to the tune of 13 crore person-days, Karnataka would require approximately Rs. 2,000 crore, which is fiscally unsustainable. New cost-sharing has increased the state burden." The state requested reconsideration of the scheme design, restoration of demand-driven employment, and adequate and uncapped Central funding.

Apart from Karnataka, a few other states – including Kerala and Tamil Nadu – have expressed concerns about the new Act. Congress leaders in Karnataka appear to be taking the lead in the fight against the new Act by planning a sustained campaign to back the party's central leaders' efforts at the national level. Much like the stand they had taken to back Rahul Gandhi's allegations of electoral malpractices, the demand for a caste census or the Centre's alleged bias against non-BJP-ruled states.

While the state government has the right to express its opinion on the issues that affect a large section of Karnataka's people, some working closely with the government believe that the government can do little except pass a resolution.

Former CM and BJP MP Jagadish Shettar, who also served as Assembly Speaker, says it is meaningless to discuss an act of Parliament in the state assembly, as they cannot take any decision on it. However, the government has strongly defended its move by stating that it cannot be expected to remain quiet when a large number of people will be impacted.

Be that as it may, the aggressive stand on the issue has allowed Congress to some extent divert attention from the leadership issue that refuses to die down, even as it attempts to set a narrative against the BJP ahead of the crucial local body polls.

For the BJP-JDS combine, the session would put to test their leaders' ability to counter the Congress's spirited opposition to the central Act and effectively defend the NDA government's decision. Apart from VB G-RAM G, the BJP will also be keen to raise several other issues, including the violent clash in Ballari where a Congress worker was allegedly killed by the bullet of a Congress leader's gunman, and a ruling party leader in Chikkaballapur district threatening a woman officer.

Politics aside, people dependent on the scheme would be keen to know if the State Government implements VB G-RAM G or comes up with its own Act. Uncertainty will do no good for those who eagerly look up to the government, regardless of political parties, to provide them with employment.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara at the annual conference of police officers in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

CM: Fence grazing field unforgivable offence

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"THE involvement of police personnel in 88 criminal cases last year is a matter of shame. They not only bring bad name to the government, but also to the police department. This is like the fence grazing the field -- an unforgivable offence,"Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said.

"If the police remain vigilant, many crimes can be prevented. ATM robbery cases and the banner-related violence in Ballari could have been avoided through prior caution," he said.

"Questioning drug peddlers or addicts can help uncover drug networks. If suppliers are interrogated, it is possible to identify manufacturers and distributors. If foreign nationals are released on bail and allowed to stay here, there is a high possibility of them re-engaging in same crimes. Foreign nationals involved in drug trafficking must be sent back to their countries without any leniency. Laws to control cyber crime and drug-related offences need to be made more stringent, and that new laws or amendments may be brought in the coming days," he said.

If tahsildars and police inspectors perform their duties properly, people in that taluk can live peacefully. "Similarly, if the deputy commissioner, superintendent of police, and CEO discharge their responsibilities effectively, people in the district can live in peace. However, in some police stations, people are forced to suffer due to certain officers failing to perform their duties properly," he added.

On the Ballari incident, he said the case has been handed over to the CID. "Ballari is a sensitive area, and the SP was suspended as he was not present on the spot. Action will be taken against those responsible after the investigation report is received," he added.

BJP holds rally in Ballari, seeks arrest of Cong MLA

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

THE BJP on Saturday held a rally in Ballari, demanding the arrest of Congress MLA Nara Bharath Reddy and a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the recent clashes linked to a banner dispute in the city. The protest rally was held at the APMC Grounds and was flagged off by Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra.

Addressing the gathering, Vijayendra accused the Karnataka Congress government of shielding the accused and claimed that the law and order in the state had deteriorated.

He questioned Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on the government's contributions to the Valmiki community, asserting that initiatives such as the Valmiki Development Corporation and reservation hike were undertaken during BJP rule.

Vijayendra and other leaders demanded the arrest of MLA Bharath Reddy and his close aide Satish Reddy in connection with the firing incident near former minister G Janardhana Reddy's residence. The BJP leader alleged that police stations had become "Congress offices" and accused the government of targeting backward communities.

Leader of the Opposition R Ashok said the Home Department had failed completely, alleging bias in police action. "Had BJP workers been involved, hundreds would have been arrested by now," Ashoka claimed, adding that justice could not be expected from the Congress government.

State BJP chief BY Vijayendra with LoP R Ashoka, MLA G Janardhana Reddy and other party leaders hands over a cheque of Rs 10 lakh to the family of Rajashekar Reddy who was shot dead recently, in Ballari on Saturday | EXPRESS

Former CM Basavaraj Bommai alleged that the firing incident was triggered by intolerance towards the growing unity and influence of BJP leaders Sriramulu and Janardhana Reddy in Ballari. He accused the Congress of looting funds meant for the Valmiki community and challenged the party to a public debate on development.

Sriramulu strongly criticised Bharath Reddy, accusing him of orchestrating violence to project power. Janardhana Reddy demanded the suspension of senior police officers, including the city DSP and reiterated the demand for a CBI probe, stating that a CID inquiry would not deliver justice.

Several BJP leaders alleged that Congress MLA Bharath Reddy's armed guards fired the shots that killed Congress worker Rajasekhar during the January 1 violence.

The rally also featured a digital display showing visuals of the firing incident.

More than 30,000 BJP workers from across Ballari district attended the rally.

The clashes had erupted during Valmiki Jayanti celebrations following a fight over banners outside Janardhana Reddy's residence, escalating into firing that claimed a life and sparked political controversy across the state.

BJP donates Rs 10 lakh to Cong worker's family

State BJP president B Y Vijayendra, LoP R Ashoka and others visited the banner clash victim and Congress worker Rajashekar Reddy's home on Saturday and donated Rs 10 lakh to the family.

HOPES HIGH AS EXCAVATION BEGINS AT LAKKUNDI

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

AFTER the Lakkundi Development Authority (LDA) began excavations on Friday on the premises of the Kote Veerabhadreshwara Temple, one of the around 20 places it has shortlisted at the historical village, several historians who visited the place from different parts of Karnataka are hoping to see the 10th century Lakkundi. On the second day, a stone that appeared like part of a Shiva linga was found at Lakkundi village.

Lakkundi village is located around 12km from Gadag and 70km from Hubballi along the Hubballi–Hosapete highway. The place was ruled by the Kalyana Chalukyas, Rashtrakutas, Hoysalas, Kalachuris, Vijayanagar kings and Danachintamani Attimabbe. The land is not only famous for sculptures, it is believed that the place has a lot of gold, silver, diamond and other treasures buried under it. Many foreign tourists who visit Badami, Hampi and Anegundi also visit Lakkundi.

With the recent find of gold ornaments from a field, people are excited about the excavation work carried out by the LDA. An LDA member said the authorities may relocate the whole village if the excavations find many historical artefacts and remains of monuments.

The first excavation was done in 2004–05 in the southern part of the Prabhu Devar Mutt in Lakkundi, which unearthed many inscriptions and monuments from the Kalyana Chalukya period. Another round of excavations were carried out in 2024 and 2025, and the collected historical artefacts inscriptions have been kept in an open museum inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in June.

Many researchers, students and tourists are visiting Lakkundi after the excavation started on Friday. Several villagers said they were ready to relocate if the government provided them houses elsewhere. Historians believe they could find the remains of at least 50 ancient temples and 50 wells in Lakkundi village.

State advisory committee member of LDA, Siddu Patil said, "Excavation has started on the premises of the Kote Veerabhadreshwara Temple in Lakkundi village. We have plans to conduct excavations at 15 to 20 points in the whole village soon. For this, we need cooperation from all villagers so that we can unearth the 10th century Lakkundi."

Excavation on for the second day at Lakkundi village near Gadag on Saturday

LDA commissioner Sharanu Gogeri said, "We have daily wage workers, guided by experts, conducting the excavation. They are paid Rs 375 per day. We hope to get treasures, inscriptions and historical monuments that will tell the old stories of Lakkundi."

Mysuru District In-charge Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa said Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's visit to Delhi was related to discussions on the upcoming Assembly elections in Assam. He said Shivakumar has been appointed as the Congress party's observer for the Assam elections

Activist Puneeth Kerehalli held for trespassing

He barged into a house and threatened the owner for renting it out to migrant tenants

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

HIGH drama unfolded outside the Bannerghatta police station on Friday night after the police arrested cow vigilante and right-wing activist **Puneeth Kerehalli** for allegedly trespassing into a house and threatening the owner for renting it out to migrant tenants. On Saturday, a court granted him bail.

As per a police complaint filed by Siddesh, a resident of Doddathoguru, the incident occurred on January 13 when Puneeth Kerehalli and his associates trespassed into his house. Kerehalli allegedly abused and threatened Siddesh for renting out his house to migrant workers, whom he suspected to be Bangladeshis.

Based on Siddesh's complaint, Kerehalli was arrested on Friday night and produced before the court on Saturday, which granted him bail, the police said. His associate Nagendrappa was also arrested for urging people to take part in the protest in the locality.

On Saturday, hundreds of Kerehalli's supporters gathered outside the police station before he was produced in court and raised slogans against the police and the ruling Congress government.

On Friday, members of the Campaign Against Hate Speech submitted a petition to the Police Commissioner, seeking action against Kerehalli for repeatedly entering migrant workers' dwellings and sheds, questioning their nationality, demanding identity documents, and threatening and intimidating them.

KU VC Ananthamurthy slams UoM VC's statement on grants

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

KUVEMPU University Vice-Chancellor Prof **Sharath Ananthamurthy,** on Saturday, strongly objected to alleged remarks made by Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof Lokanath over the recent release of pension grants to state universities.

The state government recently sanctioned pension funds to six universities namely Mysore, Karnataka, Bengaluru, Gulbarga, Mangalore and Kuvempu, providing temporary relief to retired employees who had faced hardships due to delays in pension payments over the past several years.

In a media statement, Prof Lokanath reportedly said that the Rs 25 crore sanctioned to Mysore University was insufficient and that a financial liability of about Rs 82 crore still remained. He also claimed that while Mysore and Karnataka universities had made considerable efforts to secure funds, Kuvempu, Gulbarga and Mangalore universities received higher allocations despite not needing them.

Responding to the remarks, Prof Sharath said all six universities were facing serious financial constraints and that the government's decision to release pension grants should be viewed positively. He said Kuvempu University has over 300 pensioners and has been unable to pay pensions to employees who retired in the past five years.

"Kuvempu University had sought around Rs 29 crore towards pension liabilities, of which only Rs 15 crore has been released so far, leaving a substantial burden still unaddressed," he further added.

Prof Sharath also termed the claim that Kuvempu University had benefitted more than others as inappropriate and condemned the remarks. He said that the university heads should place their concerns before the government rather than making dismissive statements about other institutions. Integrating pension payments with the HRMS system would offer a permanent solution to the issue, he concluded.

EXPRESS READ

TAPMI Bengaluru celebrates Founder's Day

Bengaluru: TA Pai Management Institute (TAPMI), a constituent of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), celebrated its Founders' Day at the Ramdas Pai Auditorium, MAHE Bengaluru Campus (Yelahanka) on Friday. This year, the Centre for Social Empowerment (CSE) was launched, reinforcing TAPMI Bengaluru's commitment to socially anchored management education. Pro vice chancellor of MAHE Bengaluru Prof. Madhu Veeraraghavan conveyed his best wishes to TAPMI on the success of the CSE launch. It was officially inaugurated by additional registrar & director administration of MAHE Bengaluru Dr Raghavendra Prabhu P. "While growing up I realised that the purpose of life is self-realisation and the most authentic way of self-realisation is through service," said chief guest and founder of Lotus Petal Foundation Kushal Raj Chakravorty. **ENS**

Govt, Premji Foundation sign MoU to set up 1,000-bed hosp

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

WITH a view to cater to poor population in terms of organ transplantation, the state government and Azim Premji Foundation signed an agreement on Saturday for the construction and maintenance of super speciality hospital in Kyalasanahalli in city.

Medical Education Minister, Dr Sharan Prakash Patil, said, "The hospital is being developed as a 1,000-bed multi-specialty hospital with the objective of providing quality care to the weaker sections. Overall, 75 per cent of the beds are targeted to be provided free of cost to the patients, while the remaining beds will be charged at rates comparable to those of government hospitals providing tertiary care."

He added, "The hospital will provide various specialties, with special emphasis on organ transplantation. It will also contribute to medical education and research."

The entire capital and operational costs of the hospital will be borne by the Foundation. It will be set up on government allocated ten acre land.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said, "The Azim Premji Foundation has set a target to spend Rs 4,000 crores on multi-organ transplant hospital in five years. For this, the government has agreed to provide 10 acres of land on lease for a period of 99 years. They have been serving in the field of education and health for almost 25 years. In 2021, it joined hands by providing Rs 1.5 crore for teacher training and in 2024 for the programme of providing eggs four days a week from LKG to class 10."

CM Siddaramaiah with Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil and Wipro Foundation CEO Anurag Behar in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

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Dr Sharan Prakash Patil, Med Edn Minister

Daily wagers preserve 800-year-old Brahma idol

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR
@ Betageri-Gadag

DAILY wagers in Betageri, near Gadag, have been protecting and maintaining an ancient Brahma idol and other historic monuments for nearly seven decades, showcasing a rare example of community-driven heritage conservation.

The Brahma temple in Betageri has no appointed archaks or pujaris. Instead, all residents of the locality collectively perform the role of priests. The Brahma idol here is believed to be nearly 800 years old, and locals have taken it upon themselves to safeguard not only the main idol but also several damaged sculptures found at the site.

Most residents of the area are daily wage labourers. In the 1970s, realising the historical importance of the temple and its sculptures, the elders of the village decided that the entire community would take responsibility for worship and upkeep. This unique tradition has continued uninterrupted till today. Anyone can clean the idol and offer prayers, with no restrictions based on caste, creed or religion. The site has since attracted the attention of historians and researchers.

CHAMARAJANAGAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

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E-Mail: directorcimscrnagara@gmail.com
Tel: 08226-226701, Website: https://cimscrnagara.karnataka.gov.in

No. CIMS/Tender/Ambulance/140/2025-26 Dated: 16.01.2026

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

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The Short Term Re-Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 Rule 2000 for the supply of A.L.S. Ambulances to the teaching hospital of this Institution. Interested Tenderers are informed to apply the tender on or before 03.02.2026 at 5.00 pm by paying E.M.D.

If, the last date for submission of tender declared as Government Holiday, the next working day shall be treated as last date. No separate Notification in this regard will be issued. Interested tenderers may contact the college authorities for further information.

Sd/-
Dean and Director,
Chamarajanagara Institute of Medical Sciences,
Chamarajanagar.

NO: DIPR:CHANAGAR:645:2025-26

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Bengaluru South End Circle Branch,
96, South End Road, South End Circle, Bengaluru- 560004
Email: cb1173@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **05.02.2026 (11.00 AM to 11.30AM**), for recovery of **Rs. 5,09,21,192.01/-** (Rupees Five Crores Nine lakhs Twenty One thousand One hundred Ninety Two and Paise one Only**)** as on 31.12.2025 with further interest and cost thereon due to South End Circle branch, Canara Bank from, **1. M/s Tumac Advanced Packaging,** C 50/1 KSSIDC Industrial Estate, Mysore Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560074, **2. Mrs Shobha N,** C 50/1 Kssidc Industrial Estate, Mysore Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560074 **and 3. Mr Vasant Kumar K M,** C 50/1 KSSIDC Industrial Estate, Mysore Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560074
The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or **before 04.02.2026 - 5.00 pm** **(Rs.in lacs)**

Lot	Description of the Immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1.	The property is located in a residential area of Land & Building (Existing Ground Floor, 1st Floor and Terrace Floor Building) situated @ Property bearing No.2/3, Old No. 38/B, 5th Main, 11th Cross Road, Bapujinagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. Extent: 2380 sq.ft.East : Residential Building,West : Residential Building,North : Road, South : Housing Board Quarters **(Property in the name of Mr. Vasant Kumar K M, S/o Late Mariyappa K)**	179.40	17.94	1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact Chief Manager, South end Circle Branch, Bengaluru e, Ph. No. 9976633313, 080-22447997, 8334999471, during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 17.01.2026
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD

CANCELLATION OF TENDER NOTICE NO. - PR 325/2025

The Tender Notice No. - PR 325 /2025 published in daily newspapers on 16.12.2025 for **"Setup and Operate Hybrid (Online /Offline) Examination Centre on Revenue Sharing Model at Block-A &B, Bapu Pariksha Parisar, Kumhrar, Patna"** hereby stands cancelled due to unavoidable reasons.

Nodal Officer (Tender)

punjab national bank

Asset Recovery Management Branch (ARMB) : No.26-27, Raheja Towers, (I Floor), M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.
Tel No. 080-25095087. e-mail : cs8191@pnb.bank.in

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

With reference to the auction notice published in **The New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha on 10.01.2026 of Mr. Pradeep Kumar J,** Account Number - **A/C No. 004100NE00024679, Customer ID - ABO012378,** (BO-Bangalore City (004100), please note the following correction:
1. Wrongly published Auction date: **28.01.2026**
2. Correct Auction date: **18.02.2026.**
All other terms and conditions of the original notice remain unchanged.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER**
Date : 17.01.2026 **PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Shankarapuram (64063)
3rd Floor, No. 13/1, Kanaka's Pride Bull temple Road,
Opp: Ramakrishna Mutt, Shankarapuram Bengaluru- 560004
Tel: 080- 25943006 – 25943007 / Email: sbi.64063@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

A/C: **40001817310** / ***DRS***

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Shankarapuram Bengaluru, under** the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued a **Demand Notice *Dated 10.11.2025*** calling upon the **Borrowers : Sri. Chandan Kumar S/o Sri. Chiranjivi Kumar,** A) No. 62, Shiva Krupa, 2nd floor, 16th Cross, JP Nagar 4th Phase, near: Kotak Bank, Bengaluru- 560078, B) Flat No. 10, Ground Floor, DS MAXSTARRY Apartment, Maragondanahally Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru -560036, C) Sky high Security Domlur EGL Park, Bengaluru 560071, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 28,07,768/- (Rupees Twenty-eight Lakh Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight Only)** *within* 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the **undersigned has taken possession of the property** described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub of Section 4 of Section, 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement)) *Rules. 2002 on this-**17.01.2026***

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount ***Rs. 28,02,231/- as on 16.01.2026 and interest from 16.01.2026*** and charges thereon, till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Schedule – A Property)

Item No.1:- All that piece and parcel of immovable converted land property bearing old survey No.76, New survey No.76/2, which measuring 1 acre and 02 guntas, situated at Maragondanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, in vide conversion order dated 16/01/2014, in vide conversion order No. ALN(AJ)SR: 63/2013-14 for residential purpose, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and the same is bounded on the; **East by:** Venkatappa's Land, **West by:** Remaining land in survey No.76, presently survey No.76/1, **North by:** Land bearing survey No.79, **South by:** Road.

Item No. 2:- All that piece and parcel of immovable converted land property bearing survey No.76/1, which measuring a portion of 00-9.26 guntas, out of 4 acres, situated at Maragondanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, in vide conversion order dated 04/07/2012, in vide conversion order No. ALN(AJ)SR: 93/2012-13 for residential purpose, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and the same is bounded on the; **East by:** Land of survey No.76/1, **West by** : Road, **North by :** Private property, **South by :** Land of survey No.76/2.

AMALGAMATED SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
(Description of entire Land Property)

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SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
(Description of proportionate land share, hereby conveyed in favour of the purchaser)

198 square feet of undivided share of right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of the land in the amalgamated schedule A property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY
(Residential apartment/flat, hereby conveyed in favour of the purchaser herein)

All that piece and parcel of the two bed rooms residential apartment/flat bearing unit No. 010, situated at ground floor, having super built up area of 792 square feet in the above said residential apartment/building known as "DS-MAX STARRY" and one covered car parking area bearing No. 010, in the basement/stilt floor, constructed in the amalgamated schedule A property herein, finished with RCC roofing and vitrified tiles flooring with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift/s, staircase/s and all other areas of common use etc.,

Date: 17/01/2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA**
Place:Bengaluru

Kerala Maritime Board

(A Statutory Board of Govt. Of Kerala)

Re-Tender Notice

KMB invites tenders for
Development of Riverside Recreation, and Entertainment Zone, Thalangara, Kasaragod, Kerala
In Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

E-Tender Id: 2025_KMB_796256_2

Last date of submission: 04-02-2026, 06.55 PM

For more details visit: www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

For further information:
0471-2910040 | 9544410029 |
kmb.kerala@gmail.com.

D3/55/2026/I&PRD

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

We, **Canara Bank** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of Addresee at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

Name & Address of the Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor : 1) Smt. Kenchamma (Borrower & Mortgagor) W/o. Chikkaguddaiah, Lakkasandra Village, Arebommanahalli Village Panchayat, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelmangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka-562111. **2) Sri Eranna C (Co-borrower)** S/o. Chikkaguddayya, Lakkasandra Village, Arebommanahalli Village Panchayat, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelmangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka 562111.

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan	Amount	Date of Sanction
1	1919605000003	Mortgage Loan	Rs. 17,50,000/-	28-10-2019

Total Liability Amount : 4,81,904.29 (Rupees Four Lakhs Eight One thousand Nine Hundred Four and Twenty Nine paisa Only), as on 28.12.2025, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 26.11.2025 **Demand Notice: Date : : 09.01.2026**

Description of the Movable Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Khaneshumari Khata No.19/28/3, PID No. 150300701800620032 situated at Lakkasandara Village, Aerobommanahalli Village Panchayat, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, East to West 30ft, North to South 40 ft., Total measuring 1200 Sq ft. **Boundaries : North :** Road, **South :** Property of Meli Gangaiah, **East :** Property of Honnegowda, **West :** Property of Krishnappa, **Name of the Title Holder Mrs. Kenchamma.**

You are here by called upon to pay Canara Bank, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here in above, failing which Canara Bank will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Guarantors. The powers available to Canara Bank under theAct include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Guarantors/Mortgagor including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by Canara Bank shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(8) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business) any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 09.01.2026 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place : Devanahalli **Canara Bank**

MANDYA DIST. CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,

Tele: 08232 – 274571, E-Mail:manmulpurchase@gmail.com

IFT NO: MMU/PUR/E-Procu./105/Tender - 11/2025 -26 Date: 14.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-procurement portal only)

Mandya Milk Union Ltd. invites e-Tenders for Supply of **(1)**Tarpaulin carry bags -3000Nos, **(02)** Jerkins-2500 Nos **(3)** Backlit Board/Glowsign Board-12000 Sqft **(4)** Agent Display Flex Boards-5000 Sqft **(5)** LED/ACP Board-3000 Sqft **(6)** Sun Board With Vinyl Sticker - 20000 Sqft **(7)** Vinyl Sticker-2000 Sqft **(8)** Supply of Laminated Vinyl sticker with GI sheet – 1500 Sqft **(9)** Supply of T-Shirts- 2500 Nos **(10)** Caps-2000 Nos **(11)** 350 Ltrs Capacity Milk Cooler-250 Nos **(12)** 500 Ltrs Capacity Milk Cooler-75 Nos **(13)** 350 Ltrs Capacity Visi Cooler-100 Nos, **(14)** Supply of Jumbo Reel Truck -01 No **(15)** Supply of Paper Trolley- 2 Nos.
Interested tenderers may please refer detail notice inviting tender for eligibility criteria & other details. Tenderers can downloaded documents from: **16.01.2026,** Last date of submission of tender: **16.02.2026** at **15.00 hrs,** Date of opening of Technical tender: **17.02.2026** after **15.30 hrs** & Commercial Bid opening will be intimated. Interested Tenderer's may download bidding documents from the **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** website. For More Information Contact Manager Purchase Mob: **9513888247**

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
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1.EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-2/2025-26 T.N. NO-36Call2 Dt: 16.01.2026

SHORT TERM PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement Portal only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the under signed invites tender through kpp-portal system from eligible contractors for Five(05) works coming under Head of Account 4701 Upper Tunga Project.

1) Apprx. Amount put to tender as per estimation is Rs.421.45 lakhs (I. No.3742 Call-2), Rs.253.49 lakhs (I. No.3743 Call-2), Rs.420.03 lakhs (I. No.3744 Call-2), Rs.421.59 lakhs (I. No.3745 Call-2) and Rs.168.92 lakhs (I. No.3746 Call-2) (excluding GST)

2) Last date for questions/clarifications regarding the tender: **21.01.2026 up to 17.30hrs.**

3) Date for submission of filled tenders from **16.01.2026** to **27.01.2026 up to 17.30 hrs** (during office hours)

Further details on date of opening the tender/detail of work E.M.D. amount/terms and conditions of the tender/Class of Contractor, etc, can be obtained in the Tender Notification or from the office of the under signed during office hours or in website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** for further details the office of the Undersigned can be contacted during office hours on phone no.08182-254832 Information can be obtained through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, KNNL,
U.T.P., Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/SMG/No-133-01/zenkar/2025-26

BJP SC Morcha state general secretary Umesh Karjol has criticised the state government's decision to convene a special session of the legislature over change in the name of the MGNREGA, stating that it is inappropriate to call a special session for political reasons while ignoring pressing issues that the state are facing

In a first, human brain to be studied from foetal stage

ICMR-led pilot study will have Nimhans as nodal centre

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

PSYCHIATRIC disorders are increasingly conceptualised within a neuro-developmental framework, in which genetic liability interacts with environmental exposures across the lifespan to shape brain and behavioural trajectories.

In a first of its kind in India, an Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-led study is aiming to look at the growth and development of the human brain from the fetal stage onwards to characterise risk and resilience factors for long-term mental health. The Pathways to Resilience And Mental Health (PARAM) - an ICMR task-force study coordinated by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (Nimhans) as a nodal centre with seven additional recruitment sites across India is under way to understand deviations in these trajectories that may confer vulnerability or resilience to later psychopathology.

"In the ongoing study, we are looking at risk and resilience factors that affect mental health outcomes," said Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Nimhans, Dr Bharat Holla. He and Dr Eesha Sharma, associate professor, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Nimhans are principal investigators (PIs) along with other researchers. "We are taking a step back to look at normative processes in the brain, the trajectories, the factors that influence these trajectories from the prenatal period into early adulthood within diverse socio-ecological contexts," said Holla.

"In terms of understanding how mental health or mental illness emerge, this study is a tremendous endeavour to characterise young people from the time of their birth on the multi-level ecologies that they inhabit. This will help us understand how mental illnesses emerge through the interactions of various determinants," said Sharma.

She added that a lot of previous efforts have "studied individuals during their lifetime, but we know that risks for mental illness are determined from conception and intrauterine life. During this time, mother's mental health and nutrition affect foetus growth and development," said the psychiatrist.

The PARAM project -- the first of its kind study in India --aims to generate neuro-developmental trajectories and identify pathways to risk and resilience for mental health across the life course in India. The specific objectives are: to chart neuro-developmental trajectories of brain, cognition, behaviour and mental health across prenatal, childhood, adolescence, and early adulthood; to examine the impact of early-life exposures (maternal stress, nutrition, inflammation, toxins, digital media, and socio-environmental adversity) on developmental trajectories, with a focus on sensitive and critical periods; to integrate genetic and environmental data using G×E (Genotype-by-Environment) models and normative modelling approaches, deriving individual-level deviation scores that support subject-specific inference; to identify risk and protective factors for the onset and course of psychiatric symptoms, including biological markers, neuroimaging indices, neurocognitive functions, and psychosocial determinants; to build open, harmonised infrastructure for multimodal data (phenotypic, imaging, biospecimen, geospatial), enabling reproducibility, data sharing, and participation in global consortia. "PARAM is an observational, multi-site cohort spanning the antenatal period to 30 years, implemented as two coordinated components to maximise developmental coverage while limiting respondent burden," said Holla and Sharma.

Besides Nimhans, the seven additional recruitment sites across India are Rishi Valley Rural Health Centre, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh; Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh; Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal, Manipur; ICMR–Centre for Ageing and Mental Health (ICMR-CAMH), Kolkata; Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Medical College (JNMMC), Raipur; All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalyani (AIIMS-K), West Bengal; and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur (AIIMS-J).

The study has representation spanning North, South, West, East and North-East regions of India, capturing heterogeneous socio-cultural contexts and exposure profiles (urban density, informal settlements, mining-adjacent areas, and regions with socio-political stressors).

Three other sites that are providing technical support for data acquisition and management are the NIMHANS Database and Biorepository (Database), Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, Bengaluru (C-DAC) and International Institute of Information Technology, Bengaluru (IIIT-B).

CHANGE OF GUARD

Devotees throng Sri Krishna Mutt in Udupi on Saturday night, waiting for the grand Paryaya of Sri Shioor Mutt. A civic felicitation was accorded to outgoing seer Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamy of Sri Puthige Mutt on Saturday evening | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Lokayukta police nab 3 excise officials while accepting Rs 25 lakh bribe

Bengaluru:Lokayukta police on Saturday trapped Deputy Commissioner of Excise Jagadeesh Naik, Superintendent of Excise Thammanna K M and Excise Constable Lakkappa Gani in the city while allegedly accepting Rs 25 lakh bribe from the complainant out of Rs 80 lakh demanded to issue CL-7 and micro brewery licence. According to the official statement, the accused officials attached to Bengaluru Urban District-8 of the Excise Department at Byatarayanapura were detained by the Lokayukta police. Unable to pay the bribe of Rs 80 lakh demanded by the accused officials to issue CL-7 and micro brewery licence, the complainant, Lakshminarayana C, filed the complaint with the Superintendent of Police Shiva Prakash Devaraju, Bengaluru City-1, Lokayukta. Accordingly, the Lokayukta police laid the trap. When the accused took the bribe amount at their office in Byatarayanapura, the Lokayukta police caught Naik in the office. The other two accused, Thammanna and Lakkappa Gani, tried to escape from the office. The Lokayukta police chased them, caught Lakkappa in Byatarayanapura. Thammanna, who boarded the metro rail, was taken into custody at Malleshwaram, sources said. **ENS**

Six booked for usurping land of Tejaswini kin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Central Crime Branch of Bengaluru city police have registered an FIR against six persons, including a woman, for reportedly usurping a piece of land belonging to former parliamentarian Tejaswini Gowda's brother using forged documents.

The site in question belongs to M Nanjegowda and is located at Basaveshwara Layout, RMV II Stage, Sanjayanagar, Nagashettihalli, Bengaluru, bearing PID No. 100-566-2 and holding an A-khata.

The property was legally registered on July 16, 2008, at the Hebbal sub-registrar's office, under registration number HBB-654/2008–09.

After the matter came to light, BL Sreeramesh, a relative of the site owner, filed a complaint with the CCB police and submitted the original documents.

The complaint has been filed against M Narayanaswamy, M Muniraju, M Muniswamy, Mamatha, Santosh SK and Srikanth, all residents of RMV Extension.

K'taka launches Elevate NxT with 146 startups

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THE state government on Saturday announced ELEVATE NxT and a Rs 75-crore Beyond Bengaluru Cluster Seed Fund, as a push to deepen and decentralise the state's startup ecosystem.

The announcements were made at a felicitation ceremony for 146 startups selected under ELEVATE 2025, held as a part of National Startup Month, where the Karnataka Startup Policy 2025–2030 was also unveiled. The newly launched ELEVATE NxT, backed by Rs 150 crore, targets deep-tech startups working in areas such as AI, quantum computing, biotech, green energy and SpaceTech, offering grants of up to Rs 1 crore.

Complementing this, the Beyond Bengaluru Cluster Seed Fund aims to catalyse startup growth across emerging districts. A total grant commitment of Rs 38.85 crore was announced for the ELEVATE 2025 cohort, comprising 103 ELEVATE winners, 33 ELEVATE Unnati startups from SC/ST community, and 10 ELEVATE Minorities startups. Notably, 43% of the selected startups are women-led, while 43% are based beyond Bengaluru.

Addressing the event, IT BT Minister Priyank Kharge said the sustained success of ELEVATE lay in its mission-mode implementation. Launched in 2017, the programme provides non-dilutive grant-in-aid support of up to Rs 50 lakh per startup, along with mentorship and subsidised incubation. Karnataka remains the first State to offer grant support to startups without taking equity. Sector-wise, the ELEVATE 2025 winners span agri-tech, biotechnology, food processing, aerospace, electronics, healthcare, IT services, education and fintech.

Under ELEVATE 2025, Rs 25.33 crore will be disbursed to the 103 selected startups. The ELEVATE Unnati cohort received Rs 9.52 crore, while ELEVATE Minorities startups were awarded Rs 3.65 crore. Since its inception, Rs 287.85 crore has been disbursed to 1,230 startups, with 37% from beyond Bengaluru and 28% women-led. The Karnataka Startup Policy 2025–2030, with an outlay of Rs 570.6 crore, targets 25,000 new startups by 2030, positioning Karnataka as a global innovation hub.

THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OP. BANK LTD.,

ESTD: 1907

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: NO.3, Pampamahakahvi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore -18
Office ☎ 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066. Tele Fax: (080)26617980, Web : bccbl.co.in, E -mail : recovery@bccbl.co.in

(Rule 8 (1) **POSSESSION NOTICE** (for immovable property) (Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of **The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd.,** A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers /legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers /legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.

The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl.No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance Outstanding	Particulars of Immovable Property & Measurement
VIJAYANAGAR BRANCH			
01	Smt. Arasukumari. R	Demand Notice Dated : 11.11.2025 Possession Notice Dated : 12.01.2026 Balance outstanding: Rs. 17,95,225/- as on : 12.01.2026	Property & Measurement :- **No.38, Old No. 03, Situated at Gramadevathe Street, Upparahalli Road, Lalbagh, BBMP Ward No. 61 of Mavalli & New Ward No. 143 of Vishveshwarapuram, PID No. 61-31-38, Benglauru.** Measuring: **East to West : 27.3+20/2 feet & North to South : 29.3 feet** **East by :** 2.6 feet Common Passage , **West by** : Lane Passage, **North by :** Property No.04 belonging to N. Prema , **South by** : 3 feet common Passage. .
R.T. NAGAR BRANCH			
02	Smt. Rashmi. N	Demand Notice Dated : 06.10.2025 Possession Notice Dated: 13.01.2026 Balance outstanding: Rs. 63,84,549/- as on : 13.01.2026	Property & Measurement :- **New Municipal No. 66/7, e-PID No. 7403305968, Old PID No. 96-239-66/7, Khaneshumari No. 73/173/2, Present No. 73/66-7, situated at Cholanaakanahalli, R.T. Nagar Post, Shambhulingeshwara Layout, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 21 of Hebbal, Bengaluru-32.** Measuring: **EasttoWest:17feet & NorthtoSouth:75 feet** **East by :** Property belongs to Babu.M, **West by :** Property belongs to Narayana Swamy, **North by :** V.P.Road, **Southby :** Property belongs to Sonnappa..

Date: 16.01.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

IN THE COURT OF THE XVII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH16)
OS No. 5111 / 2023

Between :
M/s. The Federal Bank Limited, A Banking Company having its registered and head office at : Federal Towers, Aluva, Kerala - 683101. Represented by its Branch Manager at St. Marks Road Branch,
The Federal Bank Branch, At No. 9, Halycon Complex, St. Marks Road, Bengaluru.
... Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Vijay Manjunath ... Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant : Mr. Vijay Manjunath S/o. Sri. Pandurangaiah
Aged about 35 Years, R/at # No. 15/8, 5th Main, Sri Kanteshwaranagar,
Near Mahalakshmi Layout, Nandini Layout, Bangalore - North, Bangaluru - 560 096.

Whereas, the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for Recovery of money for sum of Rs. 12,35,895/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five Only) along with interest at the rate of 12.60% P.A. and for of Hypothecated suit schedule property against you, and you are hereby summoned to appear before the XVII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-16), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 23-02-2026 at 11.00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

SCHEDULE
(Description of Hypothecated Movable)

Hypothecation of KIA Seltos HTK Plus 1.5 (D), Motor Car bearing Registration No. KA02-MQ8928, Chasis No. MZBEP813LLN159575, Engine No. D4FALM071496.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 18th Day of December 2025 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristadar
Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff :
B.S. Jeevan Kumar, Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner, 'A' # 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru - 01.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
PHULBANI (R&B) CIRCLE, PHULBANI
Phone: - 06842 254004, Email: sernbphulbani@gmail.com

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No, CCE_R and B_PLB_18 of 2025_26
B-978 No.104 Dated.13/01/2026

1.	The Chief Construction Engineer, Phulbani (R& B) Circle, Phulbani on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** for construction of the Building work as detailed in the table below from eligible contractors.		
2.	Nature of work	:	**Building Work**
3.	No. of tenders	:	Two No
4.	Tender cost	:	Rs.10,000/- (through online) only.
5.	Class of Contractor	:	**B and A class**
6.	Date & Time of sale & receipt of bids	:	10.00 AM of 20.01.2026 to 5.00PM of 03.02.2026
7.	Date of Opening of bid	:	11.00 AM of 04.02.2026
8.	The Bidders shall have to participate in online bidding only.Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.		

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Phulbani (R&B) Circle, Phulbani

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REGIONAL OFFICE - BANGALORE
1st Floor, Do.No.74, Ward No.111, Front Side, Sumeru Towers, Brigade Road, Near St. Joseph's College Of Commerce, Museum Road P.O., Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka-560025, Phone : 080-25479091/ 25479092, e-mail:ro1010@sib.bank.in

[See rule 8 (1)] - POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the **Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **Demand Notice Dated 24-Oct-2025** U/s. 13(2) of the Act calling upon the **Borrower/s [1] Mr. Sundaramurthy, S/o Chinnappaiah, (Proprietor – M/s Naveen Enterprises)** No. 36, Behind Muneswara Temple, Kammasandra Cross, Munishwara Nagar, Hebbagodi Bengaluru Urban Karnataka 560100. **Also at :-** No. 05, Sundar Building Police Quarters Road, Hennagara Post, Opp. Sommana Building, Kachanayakanahalli, Jigani, Anekal, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka 560100 and **Guarantor/s 2. Mrs. L Manjula W/o. Sundaramurthy,** No. 36, Behind Muneswara Temple, Kammasandra Cross, Munishwara Nagar, Hebbagodi Bengaluru Urban Karnataka 560100. **Also at :-** No. 05, Sundar Building Police Quarters Road, Hennagara Post, Opp. Sommana Building, Kachanayakanahalli, Jigani, Anekal, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka 560100 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being a sum of **Rs. 24,99,728.38 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Eight and paise thirty eight only) as on 23-Oct-2025** with regard to **CCOL Facility** and a sum of **Rs. 13,97,963.48 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Three and paise forty eight only) as on 23-Oct-2025** with regard to **Housing Loan Facility** and with further interest, applicable penal charges and costs, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers / guarantor's having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rule on this the **17th day of January 2026.**

The borrower's and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The South Indian Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs. 24,99,470.97 as on 16.01.2026 with regard to CCOL Facility** and an amount of **Rs. 13,70,729.01 as on 16.01.2026 with regard to Housing Loan Facility** together with further interest and costs thereon from **01.01.2026.**

The attention of Borrowers are invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Sarfaesi Act, 2002 entitling you to redeem the property prior to publication of Notice of Sale.

(Immovable Property Secured to the Account)

Sl.No.	Description of Immovable Property
1.	All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 1200 Sq. Ft. along with Building thereon and all other constructions, improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, within limits of Hennagara Grama Panchayath bearing House List Khatha No. 418/724/5 House Site bearing No. 5 forming part of converted Sy. No. 114 [Converted Vide Official Memorandum bearing Ref. ALN.SR(A)11/89-90 dated 13-01-89 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District and as per Conversion Sanction Certificate issued by the Tahsildar vide Ref.ALN.SR./104/91-92, Dated 30-05-92]; Measuring : East to West : 30 Ft., North to South : 40 Ft, and **Owned by Mr. Sundaramurthy,** more fully described in Sale Deed no. 7051/2011-12, Dated 14-12-2011 of Sub Registrar Office – Jigani bounded on : **North :** Road, **South :** Private Property in Survey No. 115, **East :** Site No. 4, **West :** Site No. 6.

Date : 17.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
The South Indian Bank Ltd.

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

Bellandur Branch
No.21, Opp Amba Bajaj, Near Central, Outer Ring Road, Gennext, Bengaluru-560103.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY "APPENDIX-IV-A[See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **10.02.2026 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/ Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below :

Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Detail description of the immovable/moveable property with known Encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD, Last Date of EMD Amount and Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1	**Sri. Lokesha. K. S** S/o Sri. Srinivasa Reddy. M, Residential Site No.1, Near Sri Chaitanya School, Vyalikaval H.B.C.S Layout, Nagavara Village, Ward No.23, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru-560045. **And also at :** No.45, Near Rama Temple, Kothur, N.Kothur, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur, Karnataka-563125. **And also at :** C/o AGL & T Consultancy Services, No.1, Jhanshi Building, Near Chowdeshwari Garage,Infosys Gate No.7 Road, Konnappana Agraharam, Electronic City, Bengaluru- 560100. **And also at :** No.274/1, 2nd Main Sector-A, Sri Mookambika Nilaya, Basavanagar North, Bengaluru-560034.	**Schedule Property :** All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Vacant Site No.1, Northern Portion of property bearing No.35/1, Assessment No.35/1, BBMP Khatha No.35/1, formed in Vyalikaval H.B.C.S Layout, Near Sri Chaitanya School, situated at Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, presently comes within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, New BBMP Ward No.23, Bengaluru–560045, measuring East to West 35 Feet and North to South 41 Feet, totally measuring 1,435 Square Feet and bounded on the: East by: Private Building, West by : Site No.02, North by : Shobha Apartment, South by : Road.	**Rs.98,48,041/-** (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Forty One Only) as on **10.04.2024** inclusive of interest upto **31.12.2023** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as on Possession Notice dated **15.07.2024**	**10.02.2026** From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Reserve Price: **Rs.94,15,000/-** EMD: **Rs. 9,41,500/-** Last Date of EMD Amount: **10.02.2026 (2.00 PM)** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs.50,000/-**	Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from authorized officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and online auction portal https://baanknet.com Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No: 080-25740624 & Mobile: 8617259213

Date: 17.01.2026
Place:- Bengaluru

Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Superintending Engineer Zone-1, BCCC
18th Floor, PU Building, Bengaluru - 560001.
No:SE/BCCC/Z-1/TEND/03/2025-26 **Date: 17-01-2026**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER -2nd Call
Two Cover System

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)
The Superintending Engineer, Zone-1, BCCC, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BCCC invites tenders from eligible Contractor / firm registered in Bengaluru Central City Corporation or equivalent registration with Labour Department or any State Government Organizations for the Collection of Parking Fees for Various roads in Bengaluru Central City Corporation, Zone-1 as detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Description
1.	Collection of Parking Fees for Cambridge Road,Wood Street and Castle Street in Shanthinagara Division **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee: ₹.92,80,000.00 EMD: 1,85,600.00**
2.	Collection of Parking Fees for Magrath, Church Street and Museum Road Shanthinagara Division **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee: ₹.92,80,000.00 EMD: 1,85,600.00**
3.	Collection of Parking Fees for 100 feet Road Indiranagara in CV Raman Nagara Division **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee: ₹.1,11,10,000.00 EMD: 2,00,000.00**

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded in the KPP Portal of Government of Karnataka from **17-01-2026** (2) Tender must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **24-01-2026** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Technical Bids will be Opened on **27-01-2026** at **4:30** pm.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer-Zone 1
Bengaluru Central City Corporation

Bengaluru South City Corporation Commissioner, KN Ramesh directed officials in the civic body limits to clear over 40 old and unclaimed vehicles parked at Mico Layout, on Saturday

K'taka, TG govts will enact Rohit Vemula Act: Rahul

It is not just a slogan, it is a necessity, says LoP in Lok Sabha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

LEADER of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha **Rahul Gandhi** on Saturday stated that the Congress governments in Telangana and Karnataka will soon enact the Rohith Vemula Act.

Paying tributes to Rohith Vemula, the Dalit research scholar from the University of Hyderabad whose suicide in 2016 triggered nationwide protests and renewed debate on caste discrimination in higher education, Rahul wrote on X: "Rohith, your fight is our responsibility."

The lengthy post continued: "The Rohith Vemula Act is not just a slogan, it is a necessity. It aims to make caste discrimination in educational institutions a crime, ensure strict action against the guilty, and prevent any student from being broken, silenced or pushed out in the name of caste."

Rahul said that a decade after Vemula's death, the question he raised continues to haunt the country: whether everyone in India truly has an equal right to dream. Remembering Vemula as a young man who aspired to study, write and understand science, society and humanity, he added that the system failed to accept a Dalit student moving forward with ambition and confidence.

He alleged that institutional casteism, social exclusion, everyday humiliation and dehumanising treatment pushed Vemula into isolation, stripping him of dignity and support.

"This was the poison that pushed a promising young man to a point where he was left utterly alone," the Congress MP said, describing caste-based discrimination as deeply entrenched in educational institutions.

The Leader of the Opposition questioned whether the situation for Dalit students has improved over the past decade, arguing that many still face discrimination on campuses, isolation in hostels, feelings of inferiority in classrooms and, in some cases, violence and death. He said caste continues to function as the "biggest admission form" in the country, determining access, opportunity and dignity.

Calling for urgent legal reform, Rahul reiterated the Congress demand for the Rohith Vemula Act, saying it was necessary to ensure accountability and prevent discrimination in educational institutions.

END OF AN ERA

BHEEMANNA KHANDRE LAID TO REST

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@ Kalaburagi / Bidar

THE mortal remains of veteran Congress leader Bheemanna Khandre (103), who was also a former minister, were laid to rest at Shanti Dhama of Chikkalchanda village of Bhalki taluk, about 8 km from Bhalki town (near his wife Lakshmibai's samadhi, who breathed her last about a decade ago), with state honours at 6.45 pm on Saturday.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah dashed to Bhalki to pay his last respects to the departed soul and consoled Minister for Forest and Environment Eshwar Khandre, Bheemanna Khandre's son, and Sagar Khandre, MP of Bidar constituency and the Khandre family.

The Chief Minister, who spoke on the occasion, said that Bheemanna Khandre's 103-year life was a 'Sarthaka Baduku'. His life was an inspiration to everybody, especially to the youth. He was a socialist by nature and helped the poor, farmers, and everybody who approached him.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM D K Shivakumar, other ministers and others pay their last respects to late Bheemanna Khandre (inset) at Shanti Dhama of Chikkalchanda village of Bhalki taluk, Bidar district, on Saturday evening

> **Saddened by the demise of senior Congress leader Sri Bheemanna Khandre. A freedom fighter, educationist, and stalwart Congressman, he devoted his entire life to the service of the nation and the people of Karnataka. My heartfelt condolences to Eshwar Khandre ji, the Khandre family, and all his supporters.** — Rahul Gandhi, LoP in Lok Sabha

The last rites were performed by Eshwar Khandre as per the guidance of seer of the Bhalki Hiremutt Basavalinga Pattada Devaru and Gurubasava Pattada Devaru.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar (who is also the KPCC president), Cabinet colleagues H K Patil, M B Patil, Lakshmi Hebbalkar, Priyank Kharge, Sharanabasappa Darshanapur, Rahim Khan, former minister Rajashekhar Patil, former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai, State BJP president B Y Vijayendra, and many other political leaders, religious leaders were part of the final rites of the departed leader.

The body of Bheemanna Khandre was kept in the residence from morning till evening to facilitate the people to pay their last respects. Thousands of people, including followers of Bheemanna Khandre and Eshwar Khandre, participated in the procession. Seven rounds were fired in the air and a police band was played as a mark of respect to Bheemanna Khandre.

Bheemanna Khandre, who was ailing from age-related diseases for the last few days, breathed his last at 10.50 pm on Saturday. All shops, business establishments, and schools remained closed from morning in Bhalki. After the district administration announced a holiday on Saturday, all the schools and colleges in Bidar district were closed.

IN THE DOCK

Kerala court denies bail to MLA Rahul

AGENCIES @ Pathanamthitta

A KERALA court on Saturday dismissed the bail plea of expelled Congress MLA Rahul Mamkootathil in the third sexual assault case against him in which he was arrested last week, saying that the allegations against him were serious and he has "similar antecedents".

Thiruvalla Judicial First Class Magistrate Arundhathi Dileep also said that there was a chance of witnesses being threatened or influenced, evidence being tampered with and the investigation being hampered. "Therefore, this is not a fit case to exercise the discretionary jurisdiction of this court under section 480 (when bail may be taken in case of non-bailable offence) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. In the result, the petition is dismissed," the court said.

The MLA's lawyer, Sasthamangalam S Ajithkumar, said that an appeal would be filed in the Pathanamthitta District Court next week against the magistrate's order. The prosecution, represented by Assistant Public Prosecutor Devi M G, had opposed the bail plea on the ground that Mamkootathil was not cooperating with the investigation in the case.

'Nod subject to compliance with specific norms'

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AS the proposed works are currently in progress, it is not possible at this stage to specify and permit a definite number of spectators who may be present at the stadium. Therefore, after the completion of the works and safety measures, the committee shall conduct an inspection and submit a report, the letter to the police commissioner read. "The permission is subject to compliance with specific terms and conditions prescribed by the government and the concerned authorities," according to a press note from KSCA. The association further stated that it is confident of fulfilling all the stipulated conditions. It has already presented a detailed compliance roadmap before the expert review committee and remains fully committed to implementing all safety, security, and crowd-management measures in letter and spirit.

The fatal stampede outside the stadium during the RCB victory celebrations on June 4 last year resulted in the death of 11 people. Following the tragedy, matches were put on hold at the stadium. Just days after the incident, five police officers, including then city police commissioner B Dayanand, were suspended.

Varuna village leader threatens woman officer

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@ Mysuru

WHILE the Karnataka government is already in a tight spot and facing embarrassment after Sidlaghatta Congress leader Rajeev Gowda allegedly abused and threatened CMC woman commissioner Amrutha Gowda, a similar incident has been reported from the Varuna constituency, represented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. A leader from a village allegedly abused and threatened a woman officer when she visited the site to inspect land earmarked for the construction of a hospital modelled after Nimhans.

GM Puttaswamy alias Benne Puttaswamy, a resident of Gudumadanahalli village in Varuna hobli, has been accused of abusing and threatening Bhavya G, the village administrative officer (VAO) of Bandipalya circle, Varuna hobli. Based on her complaint, the Mysuru South police registered an FIR under the Sections 351(2) (criminal intimidation), 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), 79 (insult to the dignity of a woman), and 132 (assault or criminal force to deter a public servant from discharging official duty) of BNS.

The complaint filed by Bhavya on December 31, 2025 states that 20 acres of land spread across survey no.s 8 (5 acres 5 guntas), 60 (6 acres 10 guntas), and 68 (8 acres 25 guntas) in Gudumadanahalli, Varuna hobli, was allotted on September 29, 2025, to the Director and Dean of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute under the Medical Education Department.

As per orders of the tahsildar, Bhavya, along with Gudumadanahalli Village Assistant Naveen Kumar, visited the village to inspect the land. But Puttaswamy allegedly abused and threatened the officials.

In her complaint, Bhavya stated that Puttaswamy questioned allotment of the land for the proposed hospital and threatened to kill her and behead the tahsildar. She alleged that Puttaswamy attempted to assault her. As Naveen was recording the incident on his mobile, Puttaswamy rushed towards him, pushed him, snatched his phone, and threatened him as well, the complaint stated. Puttaswamy later handed over the phone to another villager, Raghu, and told him to delete the video, she alleged.

Bhavya said the incident has created an atmosphere of fear, preventing her from discharging her duties freely, and sought police protection and legal action, citing the abuse and intimidation faced as a woman government employee.

A senior police officer told *TNSE* that Puttaswamy has been absconding after the incident. He said a few villagers, including Puttaswamy, have encroached eight guntas of government land and are cultivating for several years. On Friday, the tahsildar, who had arrived with the police, held a meeting with farmer leaders and persuaded them to cooperate. Land demarcation work is underway.

When questioned, District incharge Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa said officials should patiently hear people's problems and try to resolve them. "People must exercise restraint. Officials should listen to people's problems patiently and try to resolve them," he said.

AIADMK announces ₹2,000 for women, free bus ride for men

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SIGNALLING his readiness for a battle of populism with archrival DMK in the forthcoming Assembly election, AIADMK general secretary and former TN CM **Edappadi K Palaniswami** on Saturday made five big poll promises, including ₹2,000 monthly cash assistance for women heads of families and free bus ride for men.

Palaniswami chose the birth anniversary of AIADMK founder MG Ramachandran for launching his poll blitzkrieg. While ₹2,000 per month will be transferred to women heads of all ration card-holding families under Kulavilakku Thittam, bus travel in cities will be free for men. Under Amma Housing Scheme, government will procure land to build free houses for the homeless in rural and urban areas, and concrete houses will be built for Scheduled Caste families in land purchased by the government, rural poor will get 150 days of guaranteed jobs and subsidised two-wheelers will be given to five lakh women by reviving the Amma Two-Wheeler Scheme. Sons of SC families will also get separate homes after marriage, EPS said.

However, some of these populist measures, if implemented, may cast huge financial burden on the state, which is facing a debt burden of ₹9.55 lakh crore. For example, to pay ₹2,000 per month to 2.3 crore women heads of ration cardholders, the state government will need to set aside ₹52,800 crore per year. Considering that the size of the budget for 2025-26 is ₹4.39 lakh crore, this expenditure alone will be around 12% of the total budget.

Questioned on the financial feasibility of providing ₹2,000 per month to women heads of families, Palaniswami said, "They (the DMK) are incompetent. We have already demonstrated our capabilities."

He further said that when the AIADMK was in power, the debt burden of the state was just ₹5.18 lakh crore, despite facing a pandemic when the government had no revenue. "We handled that situation efficiently. The DMK said that an expert committee would be formed to reduce the debt burden of the state, and the revenue would go up. But contrary to that, instead of increase in income, the debt burden has increased," he added.

Efforts to woo investments not limited to GIM: Patil

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KARNATAKA Industries Miister MB Patil said that in the 11 months following the Global Investors' Meet (GIM) held in February last year, Karnataka has attracted Rs 1.53 lakh crore investment proposals. These investments are in addition to the commitments secured during the GIM.

Several leading companies have expressed interest in investing across key sectors. These proposals are expected to be submitted to Karnataka Udyog Mitra over a few weeks. After a subsequent approval processes, they are said to be taken up expeditiously. Patil also added that the efforts to attract investments are continuous in nature and not limited to the GIM.

He said Toyota Industries Engine Private Limited will invest Rs 1,330 crore to manufacture gasoline and hybrid engines at its Jigani facility, QpiAI India Private Limited will invest Rs 1,136 crore to establish a Quantum Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru, and AT&S will invest Rs 2,850 crore in Nanjangudu for the manufacture of electronic components. JJG Aerospace will invest Rs 470 crore at Adinarayanahosahalli in Doddaballapur for manufacturing aircraft components, SAP will invest Rs 1,960 crore to open its second facility at Devanahalli, Google will invest Rs 2,500 crore in Bengaluru.

2-YEAR DOMICILE ONLY FOR THOSE BUYING FLATS, NOT SITES: BDA

BENGALURU: The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has clarified that there is no change in the eligibility norms for allotment of residential sites, while reiterating that a two-year domicile requirement applies only to the allotment of flats, based on a government approval issued in 2018. The BDA stated that site allotments continue to be governed by Rule 10(2) of the BDA (Allotment of Sites), 1984, which mandates a minimum 10-year Karnataka residency, a condition that has not been relaxed. However, since there are no separate rules for flat allotments, the state government had approved a sales-based procedure allowing allotment of 2 BHK and 3 BHK flats to applicants with at least two years' residential proof in Karnataka.

EXPRESS READ

Unauthorised floors of 10 buildings demolished

BENGALURU: Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) demolished the unauthorised floors of 10 buildings in its limits on Saturday. BNCC Joint Commissioner Mohammed Nayeem Momin said action has been taken against owners of the 10 buildings as per law. The owners were issued notices and an order to demolish the unauthorised floors was passed in the first week of December last. "As per new GBA provisions, one month's time will be given to errant owners to remove unauthorised portions. If they don't remove such portions, the corporation concerned will remove them and recover demolition cost from owners," an official said.

'Unstructured, free play vital for brain devpt in kids'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

GADGETS and screen time is taking over everybody's life especially children aged 2 to 8 years. Writer and philanthropist, Rohini Nilekani released a book, The Playbook of Play at Makkala Habba organised at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Saturday. The book has blank pages and says 'No Instructions Needed', allowing children to write or draw whatever they want or imagine on these blank pages. Thus, helping them unlock their holistic development and cognitive abilities.

Addressing the audience during the launch of her book, she said, "In the last decade, Neuroscience has supported the theory that free and unstructured play allows the brain to develop better, and many more neural connections can be built. The first eight years of life are critical for brain development as almost 80% of brain develops at this time."

She added, "I do understand and sympathise with the parents of the current generation that parents try to bring structure or patterns while they play to avoid them getting glued to mobile screens. Parents must understand that the kind of skills that a child would need for any future jobs including engineering, medical or law are changing every day. Therefore, parents have to unleash the children's ability to learn for themselves in a complex and changing world. Don't rob the childhood of children in fear and anxiety of the future."

Author Rohini Nilekani interacts with a young participant at Bengaluru Hubba on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

She advised the parents to celebrate childhood 'Bachpan Manao'. "It is a societal responsibility and that is what we are trying to do through this book. We must take note that our government at the state and central levels is also encouraging children to celebrate childhood through their New National Curriculum Framework, NIPUN Bharat programmes. We have the largest programme of anganwadi centres in the country, where children are encouraged to learn while they play," Rohini explained.

The Playbook of Play is available on the website 'Bachpan Manao' to download and can be printed by the parents for their kids.

We do not know what chemicals have entered groundwater: Farmer

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"IN Doddatumakuru village alone, a survey conducted over the last two years showed that out of 73 deaths, 60 were linked to organ failure. Is this because of the water? What are the authorities waiting for," he asked. The major concern is agriculture and dairy farming. Over 30,000 people from these two gram panchayats and surrounding areas depend on farming. They grow potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes and fruits, including banana. "We have no source other than the groundwater. We take our crops to KR Market and other markets in Bengaluru, which is our biggest market," a farmer from a nearby village told *TNSE*. Cattle too drink from these polluted water bodies.

With no safe drinking water sources, people from the Doddatumakuru Grama Panchayat, which includes Doddatumakuru village, and the neighbouring Mahara Hosahalli Gram Panchayat, comprising 15 villages, get drinking water through tankers from the Jakkalamadagu dam, which is 30 km away. The water is supplied to the Doddatumakuru GP water unit, from where villagers collect drinking water. This is because "the water we get through borewells to our taps is not fit even for bathing, let alone drinking. We cannot bathe without boiling it. Continuous use causes blisters and itches," says Nagarathna, a resident of the village. At Krishnappa's small grocery shop in Doddatumakuru village near Doddaballapur, villagers daily drop in to buy daily essentials. His store reflects the new era business wherein a QR code wall sticker allows smartphone-wielding customers to pay via UPI, and he earns a decent profit. But his real concern is not profit. He demands a "water guarantee" from the government.

"Who asked for the five guarantee schemes? We did not," he says. "What we are asking for is a 'water guarantee', which the government has failed to provide us," he says. Krishnappa said borewell pumps made of iron get corroded and turn into powder within a few days. "We do not know what chemicals have entered the groundwater. Toxic industrial effluents flow into our lakes, contaminating the soil and eventually the underground water," he explains.

Doddaballapur MLA Dheeraj Muniraj says they need Rs 54 crore to set up a full-fledged scientific STP to treat the water. "We have identified four acres of land for it. The plan has been submitted, but there are no grants. We have been regularly raising this issue," he says. For the villagers, there is water everywhere, but not a drop to drink. And Bengalureans, living some 50 km away, are consuming this contaminated water, and fruits and vegetables grown with it, unknown to them.

OPINION

"Science is the cognition of necessity, freedom is the recognition of necessity" — Damodar Dharmananda Kosambi

FIVE-POINT AGENDA FOR MAHARASHTRA'S TRIPLE-ENGINE CITIES

THE THIRD EYE

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DÉJÀ VU can be both fascinating and frustrating. In 1987, I wrote a cover story on the state of the then Bombay Municipal Corporation's (BMC) services and finances. The corporation had spent 64 paise of every rupee—nearly two-thirds—on itself, leaving little for the city's improvement after covering contingencies. The story in other cities was not dissimilar, often worse. Those in power had little inclination to invest in cities' future.

Nearly four decades later, the sloganeering for the 2026 municipal polls revealed little has changed. Today's BMC—in which Bombay has been replaced by Brihanmumbai—is the richest municipal corporation in India. Its budget of ₹74,427 crore is twice that of Goa, and larger than that of nine states. The pie chart on how much is spent on what shows the spending on salaries and administration is lower, but the quality of spending seems worse. The city is filthier, potholes define the contours of the roads, the curse of water shortage is visible every dawn and dusk as tankers careen down streets blaring power horns, the air quality is worse, flooding is perennial and primary health services are worse. The picture in other cities is equally bad.

This week, the BJP and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis established their dominance across urban Maharashtra, sweeping elections in every major city—Mumbai, Pune, Thane, Nagpur—and ending the day with a tally of 25 out of 29 municipal corporations. The Thackeray cousins have retained relevance and survived to fight another day. The big losers are Ajit Pawar, who tied up with Sharad Pawar and fought against the BJP, and Eknath Shinde, who tied up with BJP but finds his footprint shrinking on his home turf.

The dust and decibels will settle down in the coming weeks. The mandate demands that the BJP walks the talk. Maharashtra is among the most urbanised states. Urban India is home to over 550 million and, by 2047, over 900 million Indians will be living in cities. Urbanisation is known to be a force multiplier of growth, but it requires a viable, sustainable model to operate on.

The momentum of the grand victory affords Fadnavis an opportunity to design a template for cities to drive growth. Here is a five-point agenda—essential steps that could create a Maharashtra Model for national adoption.

Authority for accountability: The elected representatives of the cities must have the freedom to propose, own and execute their ideas for development. The BMC budget, for instance, is prepared and presented by the municipal commissioner, not the elected House. For starters, why not authorise the BMC standing committee's chief to prepare the budget? Sure, the state government can wield a veto. Three decades after the 74th amendment, the promise of self-governance is effectively hostage to the whims of state governments. Enabling authority will ensure accountability and pave the way for a directly elected mayor.

Clean up the cities: Mumbai is on the list of the 10 dirtiest cities in India. It dumps nearly 2 billion litres of sewage into the sea every day and is home to the largest garbage dump/landfill in the country. There is the issue of scale and legacy, but there is no escaping inefficiency and corruption. Why not adopt global best practices—a blend of technology and behavioural psychology from the smart cities of Songdo, Tokyo, Singapore, Seoul or Shanghai? Change calls for a sustained campaign and policy to incentivise homeowners and businesses for adopting modern sanitation methods.

Tanker-mukt water and clean air: Mumbai is not as bad as Delhi. The bad news is the state's urban air quality is getting worse—19 cities in Maharashtra consistently fail to meet the standards. This calls for more monitoring stations, last-mile e-bus connectivity and a policy with exemplary provisions for construction practices. In 2014, the BJP promised a 'tanker-mukt' Maharashtra. Yet, every city is haunted by the tanker mafia. The combination of options range from learning membrane-based recycling from New Water Singapore and solar-powered desalination plants to efficient, scalable desalination tech from Israel, Carlsbad and Saudi Arabia.

Invest in connectivity: Ideally, cities should move towards walk-to-work facilitation. In its absence, the effort should be to cut commute time and enable last-mile connectivity. Maharashtra's cities—especially Mumbai and Pune—face last-mile disconnects. In Mumbai, those using the metro or the airport struggle for connections. Cars drive off sweeping flyovers and into old road jams. In Pune, the metro is on an infinite crawl. Connectivity between IT parks and residential areas is poor. Commute times in Mumbai, Thane and Pune are less about distance and more about choked roads. The 2024 Budget created a ₹1-lakh-crore fund for 'urban challenges'. Fadnavis may want to look at it to solve his state's last-mile problems.

Make cities liveable: Quality of life is a causal factor and a consequence of prosperity. The quality of liveability determines investment and reinvestment. The joke in Mumbai's Bandra or Pune's Koregaon Park is that you pay top-rupees for property and drive into a traffic jam of potholes. Property value in Mumbai is comparable to global cities, but it is ranked 158th on the Mercer Quality of Living index. The aspiration of Mumbai to be a global financial centre or Pune to be a start-up capital or Thane to be an industrial hub or Nagpur to be an aero-logistics hub calls for improved liveability—construct pavements, rid potholes, and build green zones and walking spaces.

Cities are engines of ideas and catalysts of growth. As John F Kennedy warned, we neglect cities at our peril, "for in neglecting them we neglect the nation".

IRAN INFERNO: PRELUDE TO A CATACLYSM

POWER & POLITICS

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HISTORY offers a grim and recurring warning. When rulers confuse personal ego with national destiny, when ambition is mistaken for greatness, and when power is pursued without restraint, nations are pushed toward catastrophe. Today, that familiar and dangerous pattern is unfolding once again. This time in Iran, a nation standing at the epicentre of domestic implosion and international confrontation, with consequences that could reverberate across the world.

At the heart of this crisis stands the Khomeini-led regime, clinging to authority through repression rather than legitimacy. The domestic economy has been sacrificed at the altar of ideological vanity. At the same time, the external pressure intensifies. Donald Trump's rhetoric roars with threats of intervention and more punitive sanctions. Beijing and Moscow, sensing both strategic opportunity and ideological alignment, have rallied behind Tehran, fortifying Iran's resistance against Washington. Between these opposing power blocs stands India, caught in an excruciating bind. It is unable to abandon Iran entirely because of geography, energy needs and regional interests, yet equally unable to openly defy the US and its tightening sanctions regime.

Washington's message has been unambiguous. Nations that continue dealings with Tehran will pay a heavy price through sanctions and additional tariffs. New Delhi, reading the storm clouds carefully, has already begun recalibrating. Indian citizens have been advised to leave Iran immediately. Strategic enthusiasm for the Chabahar port project has visibly cooled. It was once touted as India's gateway to Afghanistan and Central Asia. As tensions escalate, a chilling question hangs in the air. Could this Iranian crisis snowball into a third world war, or trigger the collapse of the already fragile global economic order? If world leaders fail to meet, talk and compromise, the answer may no longer be hypothetical.

The Iranian crisis today is not merely a geopolitical chessboard. It is a human tragedy unfolding in real time. The Indian government's urgent advisory urging all nationals to leave Iran underscores the severity of the situation. From Tehran to Mashhad, Tabriz to Isfahan, Shiraz to Qom, streets are simmering with violence and rage. Brutal repression has become routine. Protests flare, are crushed and re-emerge with renewed fury. Estimates suggest that nearly 10,000 Indian nationals remain stranded across Iran. Among them are students pursuing higher education, religious pilgrims seeking spiritual fulfilment, businessmen trapped by frozen transactions, engineers employed in technical projects, and tourists caught unawares by a rapidly-collapsing security environment.

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The current Iranian inferno did not erupt overnight. The turmoil is a culmination of centuries of historical contradictions, political betrayals, social tensions and ideological experiments gone wrong. Iran was once among humanity's greatest civilisational beacons. The Persian empire dazzled the ancient world under rulers like Cyrus the Great and Darius, leaving behind monumental legacies such as Persepolis. Persian culture gifted humanity poetry, philosophy, science, and art of extraordinary depth and beauty. Ferdowsi, Rumi and Hafez shaped universal thought. Architecture soared, music flourished and knowledge crossed continents.

In the 20th century, Iran again stood on the threshold of transformation. When Reza Shah Pahlavi took power in 1925, he laid the foundations of a modern, nationalist state. Infrastructure expanded rapidly. Roads, railways and universities emerged. Women gained rights unheard of in much of West Asia. Education spread, social mobility improved and Iran aligned itself with global modernity. Under Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, from 1941 to 1979, Iranian cities blossomed into cosmopolitan centres. Women studied, worked and dressed freely. Cultural exchange with the world thrived. Tehran, Isfahan and Shiraz became symbols of progress and aspiration.

Yet, beneath this polished surface, darker currents were taking shape. The Shah's secret police, SAVAK, was cultivating fear through torture and surveillance. Gargantuan corruption at the highest levels widened economic inequality. Into this volatile mix stepped Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, an exiled cleric who transformed grievance into ideology. Broadcasting sermons from France, he mobilised the disillusioned, framing modernity as moral decay and authoritarian rule as Western subjugation.

By the late 1978, Iran was ablaze with revolutionary fervour. The Shah fled in January 1979. On February 1, Khomeini returned to Tehran to a rapturous reception and a new Iran was born as an Islamic Republic. Today's Iran bears the heavy burden of that transformation. Nearly 90 million people live under crushing economic and political pressure. Inflation soars relentlessly. Unemployment is widespread, especially among the youth. Sanctions cripple industry and trade, while corruption and mismanagement corrode what remains.

Despite holding 208 billion barrels of proven oil reserves, around 12 percent of the global total, Iran's economy limps along with a GDP of roughly $400 billion, ranking it well below its potential. Now the breaking point has arrived. Religious policing has become intolerable. In addition, the State has ruthlessly tightened its grip by shutting down the internet, arresting journalists and women activists, and silencing media.

This domestic upheaval has spilled into a dangerous international confrontation. The US has served ultimatums and deployed military assets in the region. In a retaliatory move, Russia and China have tightened their embrace of Tehran. They have cited shared strategic and energy interests while denouncing American aggression. Alliances have sharpened, causing a real possibility of a major confrontation between two powerful blocs.

For India, the fallout is immediate and severe. Bilateral trade with Iran, valued at $1.6-1.8 billion, has nearly collapsed. Indian exporters face unpaid dues. Any instability in the Strait of Hormuz, through which nearly 20 percent of global oil flows, threatens India's energy security. India has been forced to indulge in a perilous tightrope while balancing ties with the US and managing regional interests in Iran—while at the same time navigating relationships with Russia and China, and above all, protecting its citizens.

Experts warn that if this crisis continues unchecked, the consequences could be catastrophic. What begins as regional unrest could metastasise into a global confrontation within months or years. The only escape from this abyss lies in urgent diplomacy. Dialogue must replace threats. De-escalation must override ego. World leaders must convene not for spectacle, but for solutions.

The choice before humanity is stark. Continue down the path of pride and power, and risk dragging the world into irreversible ruin—or step back, listen, compromise and choose coexistence over confrontation. Iran's inferno is not just its own. It is a warning flare to the world. Whether it becomes the spark of global collapse or the catalyst for collective wisdom will depend on what leaders do next. The future, precariously balanced, is watching.

THE CRISIS OF RELATIONSHIP RECESSION

OPINION

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RECENTLY, we have had a number of media personalities and social media influencers weighing in on marriage—with some even calling it "an outdated institution". It reflects changing value systems and the relationship recession that today's world faces.

Even a few decades ago, marriage was considered a sine qua non for every young man and woman in India, arranged by families within the community. Children were considered a safety network that would support parents in old age and perpetuate the bloodlines. Problems in relationships were often swept under the carpet, although legislation was introduced to tackle conspicuous maladies like dowry and domestic violence. Women often found themselves in an unequal relationship, with little access to economic resources and mobility.

In recent years, the reach of education and employment of women has proved to be a game-changer. Across the globe, women have begun to focus on personal goals and financial independence. They have become empowered, spell out their terms and evaluate options before entering into relationships. There is an increase in the average age of marriage for both men and women, especially in urban India. Child marriage, although illegal, is still prevalent in pockets of rural India.

The stigma that was attached to single, unmarried and childless women is receding today. The main reason is that more women are gainfully employed, take risks and enjoy social mobility. Today's women do not merely subscribe to the roles thrust upon them by societal expectations. They have discovered that they possess agency. The movie *Queen* (2013) was a rhapsody of how a single woman transforms her rejection by celebrating herself on a solo honeymoon.

Being single is not a new phenomenon. What is new is the conscious decision made by young individuals to stay single. Today's women do not see it as a milestone to be achieved by a certain age. An increase in divorce rates also reflects the mismatch in expectations.

Active sex selection with a preference for male children is coming back, contributing to the 'marriage squeeze'. Gender disparity resulting in a lack of eligible women in certain communities has given women more bargaining power in decision-making. While parents and elders despair at delays or even rejection of marriage, many youngsters have thought it through, having observed the limitations of family structures and the unequal dynamics at play.

The impact of marriage on career prospects, the cost of raising children and the support they can count on are all analysed before decisions are made. As a result, there is a rising scepticism about marriage as an institution across communities. Even the pithy signs on the back of trucks—'*Hum do, humare do*'—seem to have disappeared. An openness to unconventional live-in relationships, without seeking validation from society, is on the rise.

Higher education, rising costs and skewed demographics are changing relationship choices the world over. As societies age and loneliness bites, many countries and communities are trying to reverse the trend

In China, November 11 is celebrated as Singles' Day. Sales and discounts have transformed it into a mega shopping festival. But the fast-rising number of singles across the globe has consequences beyond the commercial, with a fall in fertility rates below the replacement rates in certain countries like India. The resultant increase in ageing populations has implications on productivity and economic growth. This is, however, not uniform across communities. There is segmental asymmetry in populations as patriarchal and authoritarian sub-groups impose marriage on youngsters and make child-bearing a moral duty for women. This is resulting in skewed demographics.

The numbers, however, do not tell the whole story. The reduction in human interactions has weakened social skills. There is a predicted increase in robotic companions, with cinema even depicting human-robot romances. While this seems outlandish, the future would see the culmination of many influences. There is a growing movement of pronatalists promoting larger families for social and economic reasons.

Japan and South Korea are among the countries offering cash incentives at every stage of a relationship—for dating, getting married and having children. Whether this will bring the desired results remains to be seen.

The rise of artificial intelligence tools has brought in a new dimension by redefining of human productivity. When the centrality of work as a source of identity no longer holds, people may seek intimacies to fill the vacuum. While youngsters enjoy their state of solitary splendour as a life choice for now, it could well be a cyclical phenomenon as the cost of social isolation rises.

QUOTE CORNER

[The US] mainstream media are so lame or so bought that they report that the Iranian government has lost control of the economy without saying that the US has crushed the Iranian economy. If the attempt at regime change through maximum pressure doesn't work, I would expect outright attacks by the US very soon.

Jeffrey Sachs, professor of economics at Columbia University

We are exiting the world in which central banks were run by economists. Once it's gone, our prediction is that it won't come back.

Wolfgang Munchau, director of EuroIntelligence, on the Trump administration's prosecution of former Fed chief Jerome Powell

I need FIFA to clearly condemn actions that kill footballers. For example, the financing of a genocide and the genocide itself.

Hedvig Lindahl, Swedish goalkeeper, refusing to join the FIFA Legends team

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Delivery pressures

Ref: *Don't dictate business model to cover government deficiencies* (Jan 17). With both consumers and investors favouring quick commerce, government intervention in such a dynamic market must avoid stifling innovation. However, the move to discourage rigid 10-minute delivery commitments is justified. Algorithm-driven pressure to meet these promises has compromised delivery workers' safety and endangered other road users. India's quick commerce can still remain globally competitive while ensuring safer working conditions and more sustainable efficiencies.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru

Protecting workers

Ten-minute delivery is a marketing strategy, not a customer demand. When business steps into a high-risk operational domain, the government has to protect gig workers. Regulatory safeguards are essential, but a business model thriving on speed and algorithm-driven wages is a disruptor. The platforms should have settled this issue, but their failure necessitated government intervention.

Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Waning Pawar

Ref: *Uncertain future ahead of Maha dynasts* (Jan 17). The Pawar family's political influence in Maharashtra faces significant shrinkage following the poor performance in the civic elections, especially in Mumbai, threatening their decades-long dominance. With Sharad Pawar's waning electoral appeal, the Nationalist Congress must either reinvent its strategy or risk becoming a marginal player in the political landscape.

P V Prakash, Mumbai

Beyond subsidy

Ref: *Strengthening India's fertiliser backbone* (Jan 16). The article correctly points out that the fertiliser subsidy regime has led to unintended consequences such as excessive urea use, nutrient imbalance in soil, and an ever-growing fiscal burden. The suggestion to gradually bring urea under the nutrient-based subsidy system is rational and forward-looking. Equally important is the emphasis on protecting small farmers through targeted support during any transition. The broader message is significant—fertiliser policy should no longer be viewed merely as a subsidy issue, but as a strategic tool for achieving long-term agricultural sustainability and environmental resilience.

Sanjeev Jha, New Delhi

Strategic sovereignty

Ref: *When dust settles on the shadow war waged in Iran* (Jan 17). The challenge in front of the Indian government presents a moment of truth. In trying to secure the Chabahar port in Iran from the looming American sanctions in April 2026, we should end the search for a waiver. Protecting our sovereignty in the deal would entail developing a system of non-dollar payments, in a manner favourable to regional objectives.

Adnan Koduvally, Kozhikode

Citizens' kindness

Ref: *Be kind, rewind* (Jan 17). It's unfortunate that kindness toward strangers is gradually declining across India . Recently, four Tamil men harassed an innocent traveller from another state in front of everyone on a train for social media reels. Yet, no one stepped forward to help. Thankfully, there are still some good souls who care: a poor worker recently handed over lost jewellery to the authorities. We need more such people.

S Sundareswara Pandiyan, Kovur

Tree rights

Ref: *Flag removed from tree atop Thiruparankundram hill, Dargah files plaint* (Jan 17). The tree in question is sacred to Lord Shiva and Karthikeya. It is an indigenous species whose leaves are used in pujas and in Ayurvedic medicine. Even so, the focus on its 'ownership' is misplaced. Placing flags or posters on the tree should be considered inappropriate, and every tree has the right to stand and live without human disturbance.

Komala Brunschwig, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

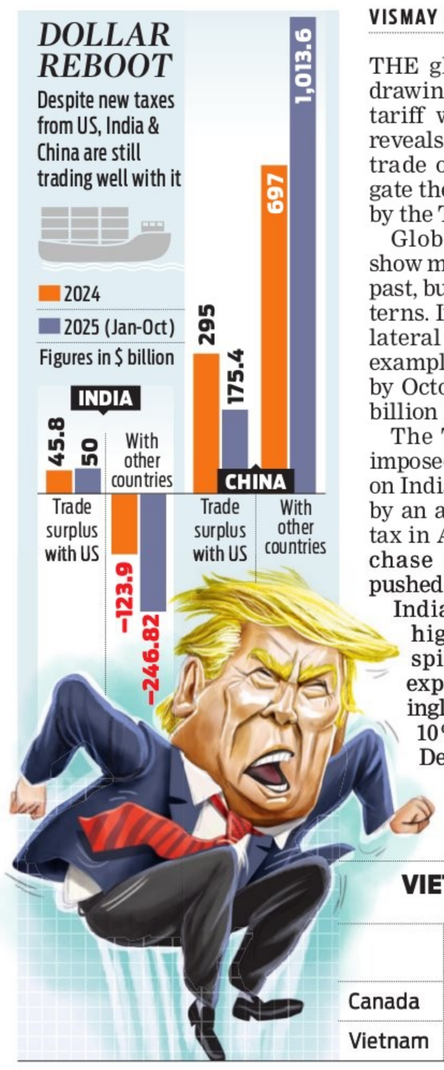
Aaditya Thackeray @AUThackeray
Wins and losses will come and go, but one day, we will certainly stand tall with heads held high before Mumbai's true owners!

Supriya Shrinate @SupriyaShrinate
The Prime Ministers of this country used to be fearless people. But Modi ji, our country is bearing the brunt of your cowardice, enduring humiliation.

Sambit Patra @sambitswaraj
The FIR has been filed for the attack on the VDO office, but the MLA's name is missing. Mamata Banerjee should tell us who is being protected.

Trump wall & great tariff detour

Global trade is realigning, with India's US surplus showing resilience and China using Vietnam



VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

THE global trade map is redrawing itself as Washington's tariff wall rises. Data for 2025 reveals a world redesigning its trade options to circumnavigate the tariff regime imposed by the Trump administration.

Global trade realignments show many deviations from the past, but also continue past patterns. India's surplus in the bilateral trade with the US, for example, climbed to $50 billion by October 2025, up from $45.8 billion in 2024.

The Trump administration imposed a 26% reciprocal tariff on India in April 2025, followed by an additional 25% punitive tax in August over India's purchase of Russian oil. This pushed the average US tariff on Indian goods to one of the highest in the world. Despite this burden, Indian exports remained surprisingly robust, growing nearly 10% year-on-year through December 2025. It remains to be seen, however, whether this resilience is the result of the stickiness of global supply chains—where contracts and logistics cannot be moved overnight—or a sign of India's successful re-routing of its exports. While some analysts point to exemptions for key sectors, such as iPhones and pharmaceuticals as the primary stabiliser, the long-term sustainability of this volume is under scrutiny.

Globally, Vietnam has emerged as the most agile connector. Its bilateral trade surplus with the US reached $129.5 billion by October 2025, already exceeding the full-year figure for 2024. This occurred despite a 46% headline reciprocal tariff. Vietnam is a textbook case of trade diversion. While it sold more to the US, its imports from China hit $186 billion in 2025. Experts point to a China-Vietnam-US triangle, where Chinese goods often receive a "Made in Vietnam" label.

China, too, has shown resilience. Its trade surplus with the US slumped to $175.4 billion by October 2025, a sharp drop from nearly $295 billion in 2024. Average US tariffs on Chinese exports reached 47.5%. Despite this, Beijing delivered a record-shattering rebuff. By October 2025, it posted a total trade surplus of $1.189 trillion, the largest ever recorded by any nation. While its exports to the US fell by 20%, it diversified elsewhere. Shipments to Africa jumped 25.8%, and those to the ASEAN bloc rose 13.4%, proving that while tariffs can shift trade away from US shores, they have not dented China's role as the world's factory.

However, not everyone is coping well. Canada is feeling the most pain due to its direct proximity with the US. Its bilateral trade fell to $40 billion by October last year. In early 2025, Washington imposed a 25% universal tariff on Canadian imports, excluding energy products, which faced a 10% rate. These "border tariffs" increased to 35% for many goods on August 1, 2025. The measures disrupted highly integrated supply chains, prompting Canada to retaliate with its own 25% surtax on American goods. Although many of these were lifted for "USMCA-compliant" products later in 2025, the damage was already done. Canada's total trade deficit widened to an estimated $13.8 billion, and the average cost for US consumers of Canadian-made goods remains elevated.

VIETNAM IS A 'CONNECTOR', CANADA LOSES OUT

	2024		2025 (Jan-Oct)	
	TRADE SURPLUS WITH US	WITH REST OF THE WORLD	TRADE SURPLUS WITH US	WITH REST OF THE WORLD
Canada	–62	–70.1	–40	–53
Vietnam	123.46	–98.69	129.5	–109.94

Figures in $ billion

DEVENDRA FADNAVIS

HIS MAGIC WORKS AGAIN, TOUCHES ALL & SUNDRY

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI

DEVENDRA Fadnavis's political journey is one of steady ascent rather than sudden arrival. It began in the narrow lanes of Nagpur's municipal politics, where he began as a corporator in the Nagpur Municipal Corporation. From there, he rose methodically, emerging as a central force behind the Bharatiya Janata Party's victories in Maharashtra in the 2014 and 2024 Assembly elections. That rise culminated in his elevation as chief minister. His latest achievement has only burnished that reputation. Under his stewardship, the BJP has surged ahead in civic elections across Maharashtra, placing the party firmly on course to capture the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), Asia's richest civic body, along with key municipal corporations such as Pune, Navi Mumbai, Nashik, Nagpur, Jalgaon and Kalyan-Dombivli. The scale of the sweep has reinforced Fadnavis's image as an election-winning strategist and administrator rolled into one. With the BJP poised to wrest control of Mumbai's civic crown, Fadnavis's political standing has entered a new league. The outcome has strengthened whispers within political circles about his future beyond Maharashtra, placing him among leaders spoken of as potential national faces for the saffron party.

For the BJP, the BMC victory carries deep strategic weight. The undivided Shiv Sena ruled the civic body for nearly 30 years, often with the BJP playing junior partner. That equation cracked in 2017, when the BJP decided to contest the BMC elections independently. It won 82 of the 227 seats, just two short of the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena, despite both parties being allies in power at the Centre and in Maharashtra at the time. Though the BJP fell short then, the contest marked a turning point.

Fadnavis used that moment as a foundation rather than a setback. Over the years, he steadily expanded the BJP's footprint in Mumbai, quietly laying the organisational and political groundwork for the next civic battle. He combined ideology with delivery, projecting himself not only as a Hindutva standard-bearer but also as a development-oriented leader with a clear infrastructure vision. During this period, Mumbai saw tangible changes. Metro services were rolled out, easing the city's chronic commuting stress. The Atal Setu connecting Mumbai and Navi Mumbai was completed, symbolising speed and scale. Work progressed on the underground coastal road, while the long-delayed redevelopment of the BDD chawls was pushed forward. These projects reshaped Fadnavis's image from that of a partisan leader to that of an "infra man."

NEWSMAKER

MANDAR PARDIKAR

The message resonated across social and linguistic lines. Aspirational Marathi and non-Marathi voters began to view the BJP as a party capable of reviving a city they believed was stagnating under the Thackerays' emotive and inward-looking politics. The promise was clear: growth, jobs and a better quality of life under Fadnavis's watch. Politically, he worked on multiple fronts. While consolidating the BJP's traditional vote banks among Gujaratis and North Indians, he also reached out to South Indian voters, particularly in the aftermath of Raj Thackeray's jibe at Tamil Nadu BJP leader K Annamalai. Simultaneously, Fadnavis made a direct play for the Marathi vote, long considered the Shiv Sena's exclusive preserve. Casting himself as a strong Marathi manoos, he foregrounded promises of housing through redevelopment, homes for slum dwellers, employment and security.

The Shiv Sena's traditional strength lay in its dense network of local shakhas that functioned as neighbourhood power centres. To challenge this, Devendra Fadnavis, with the BJP's Mumbai unit, replicated and modernised the model. Party offices spread across the city, and each area was assigned three shakha heads — a man, a woman, and a youth — creating a new grassroots leadership pipeline that steadily drew voters towards the BJP. Simultaneously, the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena weakened Shiv Sena (UBT) by poaching shakha heads, corporators and local leaders, backing them with resources. Fadnavis reinforced this by directing projects and funds to BJP and Shinde-held areas, giving them visible achievements.

Equally significant was Fadnavis's decision to keep the BMC campaign deliberately restrained. He avoided calling in the BJP's top national leadership, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to prevent the contest from slipping into a Marathi-versus-Gujarati narrative. By doing so, he denied the Thackeray brothers their most familiar political weapon. The battle was framed squarely as one between Fadnavis and the Thackerays, stripping it of emotive distractions. In another calculated move, Devendra Fadnavis chose not to align with Ajit Pawar's NCP for the BMC elections, citing Nawab Malik's alleged links to fugitive don Dawood Ibrahim. Despite sharing power with the NCP at the state and Centre, he consciously distanced the BJP from what he viewed as political baggage. The decision allowed the party to draw a sharp ideological line and reclaim narrative control. It helped consolidate the BJP's Hindutva core while reinforcing a long-held message: on issues of national security and ideology, the BJP will not blur lines or make tactical compromises.

India will host 22 Arab foreign ministers' meet

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA will host around 22 Arab foreign ministers at the 2nd India-Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Delhi on January 30-31, officials said, marking a major diplomatic gathering spanning West Asia and North Africa.The meeting may also feature Syria, which came under a new administration at the end of 2024. If Syria participates, it would be the first ministerial interaction between New Delhi and Damascus since the ouster of Bashar al-Assad.

India's Joint Secretary for the West Asia and North Africa division, Suresh Kumar, had met Syria's Foreign Minister Asaad Hassan al-Shaibani in July last year. The Arab League, founded in 1945 and headquartered in Cairo, includes Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, the UAE and Yemen.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has strengthened ties with the region through multiple visits, most recently to Jordan and Oman in December 2025. India has also elevated several ties with League members to strategic partnerships.

Senators seek Trump's help to lower India tariff on pulse

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

TWO Republican lawmakers have urged US President Donald Trump to press India for tariff relief on pulse crops and argued that American farmers face a "significant competitive disadvantage" in one of the world's largest food markets due to what they describe as unfair trade barriers imposed by New Delhi. In a letter dated January 16, Senators Steve Daines of Montana and Kevin Cramer of North Dakota said their states are the two largest producers of pulse crops in the United States, including peas, while India is the world's biggest consumer, accounting for nearly 27% of global consumption. Lentils, chickpeas, dried beans and peas form a staple part of the Indian diet, but US exports in these categories are subject to steep tariffs, they said.

The Senators pointed specifically to India's decision on October 30 last year to impose a 30% tariff on yellow peas, which came into effect on November 1, 2025. They argued that such measures have eroded the competitiveness of US producers despite strong demand in the Indian market. "As a result of the unfair Indian tariffs, US pulse crop producers face a significant competitive disadvantage when exporting their high-quality product to India," the letter said.

'Affects competitiveness of US producers'

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Backing their claim, the lawmakers cited findings by the Office of the US Trade Representative, which has flagged India's average applied tariff on agricultural products at 39%, compared with 5% in the United States. The USTR has also pointed to technical and regulatory hurdles, along with market access restrictions in sectors such as agriculture, which it says have curtailed US exports to India. Daines and Cramer argued that engaging Prime Minister Narendra Modi directly on pulse crop tariffs could strengthen broader economic cooperation between the two countries. Lower tariffs, they said, would be "mutually beneficial", easing costs for Indian consumers while opening a major export market for American farmers.

Thanking Trump for his efforts to create a favourable economic environment for agricultural producers in Montana and North Dakota, the Senators urged him to prioritise favourable provisions for pulse crops as trade negotiations with India move forward. They also recalled a similar intervention during Trump's first term. Ahead of the 2020 trade talks with India, the lawmakers had raised the pulse crop issue with the President, who they said personally delivered their letter to PM Modi.

EXPRESS READ

Andamans will be developed as India's blue economy hub, says Jitendra Singh

Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Saturday said the Andaman and Nicobar Islands will be developed as a hub of India's Blue Economy. Singh said India's future economic value addition will increasingly come from untapped marine resources as the country moves rapidly towards becoming one of the world's top economies. He highlighted the government's strong focus on blue economy reflects Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision.

19 bills still pending in RS, oldest on population control dates back to 1992

As many as 19 government Bills remain pending in the Rajya Sabha, with the oldest, pertaining to population control, dating back to 1992. The Rajya Sabha is a permanent House which is never dissolved, with one-third of its members retiring every two years. While the Bills pending in the Lok Sabha lapse when the House is dissolved, a Bill pending in the Rajya Sabha never lapses. Also among the pending bills is The Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1997.

Awami League will win polls, Hasina to lead govt: Former foreign minister

SUMIT KUMAR SINGH @ New Delhi

BANGLADESH'S former foreign minister Hasan Mahmud on Saturday criticised a UNHCR report on the July-August, 2024 student movement, calling it "fabricated and highly biased" and accusing it of overlooking violence against police and members of the Awami League.

Mahmud also asserted that his party and he would "return to power" with "Sheikh Hasina leading the government" in the election as 60% of Bangladesh people want them back. He, however, stated that the "mobocracy" by the interim arrangement should end. He also alleged that around 300 media persons have been put behind bar.

While addressing a press conference, the Awami League leaders — foreign minister Hasan Mahmud and former Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury Nowfel-alleged that the report failed to account for the killing of thousands of police personnel during the unrest.

Nearly 3,000 policemen were killed, he said, citing an incident in which an entire police station, with about 40 officers inside, was set on fire. He said, "Out of 600 police station, 450 police stations were attacked and policemen were killed and weapons were looted."

The United Nations Human Rights Commission (UNHRC) report, which the Awami League Rebutted, was released a year back in February 2025. He also doubted the credibility of the casualty figures cited in the UN document.

NIA chargesheet against 5 Qaida men in Gujarat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted five accused in a case relating to online radicalisation of vulnerable youth by the Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) terror group in Gujarat, the agency said.

Mohammad Fardeen, Kureshi Sefulla, Mohammad Faique, Zeeshan Ali and Shama Parveen have been charged.

During the probe, the agency said that the accused used social media platforms for propagating the anti-India ideologies of the banned AQIS. They posted provocative content. It found that the accused had called for armed revolt against the democratically elected Government.

Paracetamol safe in pregnancy, says Lancet study

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THERE is no evidence that taking paracetamol during pregnancy increases the risk of autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, or intellectual disability among children, said a latest Lancet study. Published in The Lancet Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Women's Health, the latest findings, debunk US President Donald Trump's claims last September that the widely-used painkiller leads to autism.

The claims were condemned by medical fraternity around the globe. Led by Professor Asma Khalil, Professor of Obstetrics and Maternal Fetal Medicine at City St George's, University of London and Consultant Obstetrician, the study clearly said that maternal use of paracetamol does not raise the likelihood of neurodevelopmental disorders in children.

"Our findings suggest that previously reported links are likely to be explained by genetic predisposition or other maternal factors such as fever or underlying pain, rather than a direct effect of the paracetamol itself. The message is clear - paracetamol remains a safe option during pregnancy when taken as guided."

"This is important as paracetamol is the first-line medication we recommend for pregnant women in pain or with a fever, and so they should feel reassured that they still have a safe option to relieve them of their symptoms," she said.

Paracetamol is the most commonly used analgesic and antipyretic during pregnancy. Its safety profile is more favourable than that of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, making it the preferred choice in obstetric care, the study pointed out.

Avoiding paracetamol might expose mothers and fetuses to the risks associated with untreated pain and fever, such as miscarriage, preterm birth, or congenital defects. "Thus, the politicisation of scientific uncertainty creates confusion among pregnant people and clinicians."

The researchers reviewed 43 previous studies, making this the most detailed examination of the issue so far. The analysis covered over 2,62,000 children assessed for autism, over 3,35,000 assessed for ADHD (attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder), and around 4,06,000 assessed for intellectual disability.

"..Current evidence does not indicate a clinically important increase in the likelihood of autism spectrum disorder, ADHD or intellectual disability in children of pregnant individuals who use paracetamol as directed, supporting existing recommendations on its safety." The finding supports the recommendations made by major medical organisations regarding its use following Trump's claims.

Trump last year had said that paracetamol "is no good" and pregnant women should "fight like hell" not to take it.

Researchers hoped that this gold-standard review will put an end to any scepticism on using paracetamol during pregnancy as avoiding paracetamol for significant pain or fever can expose both mother and baby to known risks.

'Avoiding medicine can be bigger risk'

The study also stressed that avoiding paracetamol might expose mothers and fetuses to the risks associated with untreated pain and fever, such as miscarriage, pre-term birth, or congenital defects. "Thus, the politicisation of scientific uncertainty creates confusion among people and clinicians."

BENGAL SIR ROW

The West Bengal government has asked the EC to withdraw its directive to file FIRs against two EROs and AEROs in connection with the "ghost voter" controversy, an official said on Saturday.

4 DEAD AS CARS COLLIDED IN RAJASTHAN'S UDAIPUR

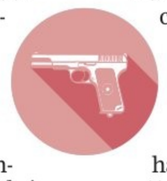
INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	26	14	Mumbai	27	22
Bhopal	26	12	Panaji	31	19
Jaipur	23	12	Patna	18	10
Amritsar	13	07	Lucknow	19	09
Chennai	28	21	Port Blair	28	23
Kolkata	24	14	Imphal	22	09
Srinagar	08	-2	Chandigarh	17	08

Gangsters on prowl, target Punjab's music industry & Kabaddi

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE recent surge in gang wars across Punjab indicates that the gangsters are attempting to take control over the state's music industry and rural sport Kabaddi league, similar to what Mumbai's underworld did in 1980s through the early 2000s.

In the latest incident, Punjabi singer and Bollywood sensation B Praak, who has belted out several super hits, allegedly got an extortion threat of ₹10 crore from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. The main shooter, who last month shot dead kabaddi promoter and player Kanwar Digvijay Singh, alias Rana Balachauria, was shot dead in an encounter.



Sources privy to the matter stated that Punjabi singer Dilnoor has reportedly got a threat call warning Praak of dire consequences if money is not paid within a week. In his complaint to the Senior Superintendent of Police of SAS Nagar on January 6, Dilnoor stated that the caller reportedly identified himself as Arju Bishnoi and claimed to be associated with the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. On January 5, Dilnoor received two threat calls from an international number, but he ignored them. But the next day he got another call which he answered briefly but hung up as he was suspicious.

Then in a purported voice message left on the number the caller demanded ₹10 crore to be paid within a week and warned that if the money was not paid, Praak would be harmed. The caller also cautioned that the threat should not be taken lightly and said that he was operating from outside India.

A police investigation has been initiated into the matter, and the call details and audio messages are being probed. On December 12, kabaddi promoter Balachauria was shot dead during a tournament in Sector 79, Sohana, amid escalating gang rivalries reportedly orchestrated by foreign-based handlers.

The SAS Nagar Police shot dead notorious shooter 23-year-old Karan Pathak on Saturday, who was the key accused and the main shooter who killed Balachauria. According to sources, Pathak—who was arrested in the case recently—complained of chest pain on Friday night and was rushed to a hospital in a police vehicle when it hit a road divider due to fog, during which he managed to flee from custody of the CIA.

A few hours later he was traced near Rurki Kham village on the airport road. During the encounter, Pathak reportedly opened fire at the police as he fired six to seven rounds from a pistol. The police fired around ten rounds. He was injured in the leg but continued firing. Pathak was first taken to a private hospital and then referred to the Phase-6 Civil Hospital, Mohali, but died later. Earlier, Punjab singers like Mankirt Aulakh, Parmish Verma, Karan Aujla, actor-cum-singer Gippy Grewal, Raj Jujhar, singer-politician Balkar Sidh have received extortion and death threats.

A firing incident had taken place outside the residence of Punjabi rapper AP Dhillion in Vancouver, Canada. Gippy was attacked in 2023 and in 2018, Verma was attacked in Mohali. On May 29, 2022, Sidhu Moosewala was shot dead.

The music industry promotes guns and violence through their songs. So, these gangsters find Punjabi singers as their soft target. As the current value of the Punjabi music industry is around thousands of crores and annually a 12 to 15% increase. As it has over 450 registered music labels that release around 20 to 25 songs every day, said the sources.

Also, international kabaddi player Sandeep Singh Sandhu, alias Nangal Ambian, was shot Jalandhar in March 2022.

Then, on November 11 last year, another Player, Gurvinder Singh, was killed in Samrala, Ludhiana, with the Lawrence Bishnoi gang claiming responsibility on social media. On October 31, player Tejpal was killed, reportedly over personal enmity.

Sources revealed that it is all related to finances, as Kabaddi is related to making easy money by match fixing, through advertisements and betting. The gangsters have entered into this rural sport due to their interest in Punjabi film and music industry. "The interest of the gangsters is not related to extortion alone but they also try to legitimate their money through this industry as they float companies and take the rights of the songs of popular singers thus they get perpetual income," disclosed an officer of the Anti Gangster Task Force on the condition of anonymity.

Sources said that the phone calls of these gangster are hard to trace as these are based abroad and they use VPN and encrypted applications as they are of the view that they are safe abroad. "To get their dirty work and executions done here they recruit local youth by giving them allurements like sending them aboard," he added.

The sources further said that the tournament organisers revealed that gangsters exert influence over Kabaddi tournaments to extort money from sponsors, manipulate player participation, and control match outcomes. Some leagues operated by gangsters also extend abroad, including in Canada and the UK.

GUNSHOTS & MUSICAL NOTES

Punjab gang wars have intensified as gangsters target the music industry and Kabaddi leagues in rural areas

SINGER B PRAAK ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED ₹10 CR EXTORTION THREAT FROM THE BISHNOI GANG

Singer Dilnoor reported threat calls and a message demanding payment

The threat to Praak follows the December 12 killing of kabaddi promoter Kanwar Digvijay Singh during a tournament

Police killed main accused shooter Karan Pathak in an encounter after he allegedly opened fire while trying to escape from custody

Digvijay Singh

B Praak

GUWAHATI DIARY

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Minority leader quits Cong 3 days after joining

Former All Assam Minorities Students' Union president Rejaul Karim Sarkar resigned from the Congress three days after joining it. His stint was marked by a controversy over his statement about turning Sivasagar into Dhubri and Dhubri into Sivasagar. Though he came up with up with clarification later, it ruffled quite a few feathers. Sivasagar is Assamese heartland while Dhubri is a Bengali Muslim-dominated district. As groups were going for his jugular, an embarrassed Congress criticised him. In the wake of the row, Sarkar shot off a letter to state Congress president Gaurav Gogoi, against leaders Debabrata Saikia and Pradyut Bordoloi.

Split in Maha allies costs MVA dear in BMC elections

In 16 seats, defeat margin less than votes polled by Thackerays & Cong

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE BJP-led alliance has swept the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) elections, with the Thackerays losing grip on the civic body after 25 years. An analysis of Maharashtra state election commission data shows that the scenario would have been different had Uddhav and Raj Thackeray contested the polls in alliance with INDIA bloc partners. A united fight could have helped them notch up the 114 magic figure in the 227-member BMC, according to some poll analysts.

The Shiv Sena (UBT) has won 65 corporators, Congress 24, MNS 6, Samajwadi Party 2, and NCP(SP) 1 in BMC polls. If they decide to come together, they are still short of 16 seats for the majority mark. Interestingly, they lost 16 seats by contesting separately, according to the state poll panel data. In ward number one, Congress candidate Sheetal Mhatre lost by 2474 votes to Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena candidate Rekha Yadav. The Sena (UBT) candidate bagged 4314 votes, more than the Congress' losing margin.

While in BMC's ward number seven, Shiv Sena (UBT) candidate Saurabh Ghosalkar lost by 797 votes against BJP candidate Ganesh Khankar, Congress candidate Ashish Fernandis bagged the 1672 votes. In ward number 20, MNS candidate Dinesh Salvi lost with a margin of 2751 votes against BJP candidate Deepak Tawade, while Congress candidate Astan Khan secured 3351 votes.

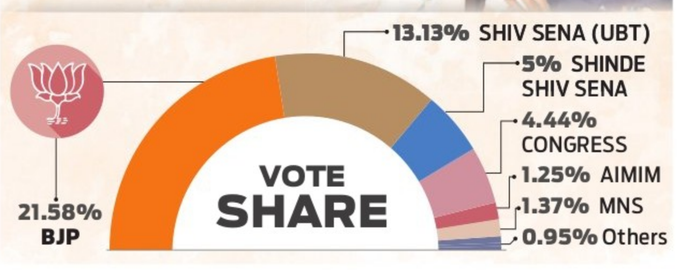
In ward no. 31, Congress candidate BhgagyaLaxmi Rajpurohit lost by 278 votes to BJP's Manish Yadav, where Sena (UBT)'s Jyoti More bagged 1803 votes. In ward no. 42, Sena (UBT)'s Pranita Nikam by 1022 votes against Shinde Sena candidate Dhanshree Baradkar, where Congress alliance partner VBA candidate Manisha Surve bagged 1066 votes.

In ward number 52, Shiv Sena (UBT) candidate Supriya Gadve lost by 964 votes against the BJP's Priti Satam, where the Congress candidate Swati Sangale got 1399 votes. In ward number 58, MNS candidate Virendra Jadhav lost by 2251 votes to BJP's Sandeep Patel, where Congress candidate Suryakant Mishra bagged 5459 votes. In ward number 63, Sena (UBT) candidate Devendra Ambekar lost by 538 votes against BJP's Rupesh Savarkar, where Congress candidate Priyanka Sanap bagged 4380 votes.

In ward 72, Shiv sena (UBT) candidate Manisha Panchal lost against BJP candidate Mamata Yadhav with a margin of 609 votes, while Congress candidate Gayatri Gupta received 1002 votes. In ward number 91, Sena (UBT) candidate Vasudev Madgut lost to the Shinde Sena candidate Sagun Naik by 1790, while Congress candidate Sheikh Rafikh bagged 4135 votes. In ward 148, Sena (UBT) candidate Vasant Shinde lost by 1091 votes against the Shinde Sena candidate Anjali Naik, while Congress candidate Rajendra Mahulkar secured 2267 votes.

MISSED CHANCE

Though the BJP stands tall and no other combination in the Opposition camp would have defeated it in terms of total votes polled, in certain seats, the consolidated Opposition vote could have defeated BJP/Shiv Sena candidates.



POCSO CASE

Court delivers death penalty in record 40 days

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

IN a rarest-of-rare judgment delivered with unprecedented speed, a Rajkot special court on Saturday sentenced a 30-year-old man to death for the barbaric sexual assault of a minor girl in Atkot's Kanpar village. The verdict completes the entire justice process from FIR to capital punishment in 40 days.

The incident took place on December 4, 2025 while the child was playing with her siblings in a farm labourer's garden. The accused Remsinh Dudwa arrived on a motorcycle, picked up the child, took her into nearby bushes under a tree, and raped her by inserting a five-inch iron rod inside her.

The accused fled the spot immediately. Hearing the girl's screams, her aunt, who was in the adjacent room, rushed to the spot and found the profusely bleeding child. She immediately called the girl's father and her husband. The child was rushed to a public hospital in Kanpar village. As the girl was critical, she was referred to Jasdan Government Hospital.

Later in the evening, she was shifted to Rajkot Janana Hospital. After extensive medical treatment, the unconscious girl survived. Her father informed the police about the incident. On December 8, Dudwa was arrested on suspicion. On sustained interrogation, the accused confessed to the crime. The investigating officer filed the charge sheet within just 11 days, on December 8. The case was closed within 40 days.

Rahul, Yadav trade charges over water deaths in Indore

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

AFTER meeting the families affected by water contamination in Indore, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday accused the BJP-led state government of shirking its responsibility, and said the deaths in India's cleanest city is the new model smart city that doesn't even have clean drinking water.

"It was promised that the country will get smart cities. What happened in Indore is the new model smart city, where there is no drinking water. This is new urban model is not confined to Indore alone, but also happening in other cities," the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha told reporters after meeting 18 bereaved families in Bhagirathpura locality.

He said the government has to own up the responsibility for what happened in Indore. "The affected families are entitled to compensation, as the tragedy happened due to government's negligence only," he added. Gandhi handed over cheques of ₹1 lakh each to families he met.

Pointing towards an overhead water tank, he said, "This tank symbolises that still there is no clean water here; only band aid has been applied. People want that a proper system is put in place to provide them clean drinking water," Gandhi said. Reacting to accusation of BJP leaders, including CM Mohan Yadav, that he is politicising the issue, Gandhi said, "I'm the Leader of Opposition. I am here to ensure that residents get clean drinking water."

During Gandhi's visit to Indore, CM Yadav visited the now defunct Union Carbide factory in Bhopal and questioned the previous central government headed by Rajiv Gandhi on the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy. "Instead of playing politics on dead bodies in Indore, Rahul Gandhi should apologise for the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy which claimed thousands of lives. He should particularly apologise for allowing the prime accused Warren Anderson flee from Bhopal and India, as it was his (Rahul's) father who ruled at the Centre, while a Congress government was in power in MP at that time."

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Rahul Gandhi, Lok Sabha LoP

CM invokes Bhopal gas tragedy

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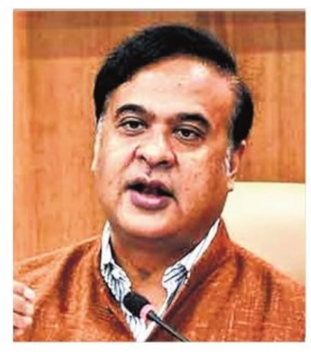

Big boost as state gets green power project

Assam is steadily moving towards achieving its goal of 2,000 MW of renewable power and greater energy self-reliance, CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said after inaugurating a 70 MW solar power project at Khudigaon in Bilasipara recently. Built at a cost of over ₹350 crore, the project will generate 141 million units of electricity annually, while reducing nearly 1.15 lakh tonnes of carbon emissions. Sarma said Assam's solar capacity now stands at 680 MW, thanks to a series of steps taken by the state government. He said the project in Bilasipara would significantly contribute towards making the state self-reliant in the green power sector.

FIFA World Cup fans get up close with trophy

Football aficionados got a rare chance to see the FIFA World Cup 2026 trophy up close when it arrived in Guwahati the other day. An event was organised at the ACA Stadium where a large number of fans turned up to become a part of history. This was the first time that the trophy was unveiled in Assam. CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said, "Guwahati welcomed the iconic FIFA World Cup trophy as part of its global tour. Its presence reflects our state's growing connect with global sporting excellence and inspires our youth to dream big and play bigger." The state's Directorate of Sports & Youth Welfare said it was pure magic, pure goosebumps.

POWER OF WORDS

'Judge me as Amish... judge me for my karma, not my birth'

ADITHI REENA AJITH @ Jaipur

IN a wide-ranging conversation, bestselling author Amish Tripathi drew from history, mythology, politics, and philosophy to reflect on his recent book 'The Chola Tigers: Avengers of Somnath,' unity, historical memory, and the idea of a dharmic India.

Presented by The New Indian Express, the session featured Tripathi in conversation with Viveka Kumari—writer, designer, and former theatre professional. The conversation began with Tripathi addressing why he chooses not to use his surname in his books.

"My legal name is Amish Tripathi. Tripathi is a caste surname. Judge me as Amish, not where I was born," he said.

The conversation soon moved to the historical foundations of his latest novel, set during the Chola period. Tripathi explained that it stemmed from both a love for history and a commitment to dharma.

He expressed frustration with how Indian history is taught in schools. "Our education system does not give us an adequate understanding of how truly special this land is, and I try to explore that through my books," he said. "South India gets a 'meanwhile in the South' in textbooks."

Highlighting Raja Raja Chola's empire, Tripathi argued that Indian history has been flattened into a narrow geographical narrative centred on North India. He also challenged the framing of the last thousand years of Indian history as a story of repeated defeat. Instead, he called it "the greatest resistance in human history."

Author Amish Tripathi in conversation with Viveka Kumari | EXPRESS

Partition, heritage, & histories we owe our children

ADITHI REENA AJITH @ Jaipur

THE third day of the Jaipur Literature Festival unfolded on a spirited note with author and philanthropist Sudha Murty in conversation about her latest children's book. In a lively conversation with Mandira Nayar, presented by The New Indian Express (TNIE), Murty spoke about writing for children, choosing English as a literary language, and the values she hopes young readers carry forward.

'The Magic of the Lost Earring' is the third book in Murty's popular Nooni series. The character of Nooni is inspired by Murty's granddaughter, Anoushka; the book also marks Murty's 50th publication. In the story, Nooni discovers an ancient earring that takes her on a journey across India and London, uncovering layers of family history along the way. Through this, Murty introduces themes of courage, heritage, and the pain of the Partition.

"I always wanted to tell many stories to her [Anoushka], but it's not possible to do video calls all the time," Murty said. "So, I decided I should write books for her." She noted the lack of children's stories in India that focus on adventure and travel in ways young Indian readers can relate to. While authors like Enid Blyton remain popular, Murty observed that those worlds can feel distant for Indian children.

"I wanted to tell Anoushka—look, the freedom of the land that you enjoy today was not easy," she said. Reflecting on her family's history, Murty spoke of her son-in-law and former UK Prime MInister rishi Sunak's ancestors who were forced to leave Lahore and Abbottabad during the Partition, migrating through Nairobi and Dar es Salaam before eventually settling in London.

In a lively conversation with Mandira Nayar, author Sudha Murty spoke about writing for children and choosing English as a literary language | EXPRESS

On writing in English, Murty credited journalist T.J.S. George—a former editor of TNIE, for encouraging her to begin writing in the language at 50. "This is a tribute to him and to The New Indian Express," she said. "He gave me my first break. I started writing columns, and I began writing in English in the year 2000." She added that English allowed her work to be translated into multiple Indian languages, broadening its reach.

Reflecting on the responsibility of writing for children, Murty offered a memorable metaphor. "A child's mind is like a wet wall," she said. "You must write with a sharp edge, like a piece of glass. Once it dries, what you have written stays there."

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Letter No: 41 **Corrigendum No.04 (Time Extension)** Date: 17/01/2026

e-Tender No. 01/DGM (E&M D-II)/UJVNL/2025-26

Due to unavoidable reasons, the dates of e-Tender No. 01/DGM(E&M D-II)/ UJVNL/2025-26 invited by office of the Dy. General Manager, E&M Design-II, UJVN Ltd., Ganga Bhawan, Yamuna Colony, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) are hereby extended as follows:

Last date for submission of bid on e-portal: 02.02.2026 up to 17:00 Hrs.

Last date for submission of original document (Hard copies): 06.02.2026 up to 17:00 Hrs.

Date & Time of opening of technical bid on e-portal: 09.02.2026 from 11:00 Hrs.

Other terms & condition shall remain same. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from e-procurement portal **"http://uktenders.gov.in".**

Dy. General Manager (E&M Design-II)

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DIRECTORATE OF URBAN LAND TRANSPORT URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER URBAN LAND TRANSPORT

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No: DULT-TECH/7/2025 Date:17.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) invites separate tender (packages) E-bids from the qualified consultancies for the services of preparation of Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for 11 District Headquarters of Karnataka. The last date for the receipt of e-bid on the KPPP portal for the **tender is 02.03.2026, 5.30pm.** The bidders may download the tender document for from https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in web portal.

Tender Numbers are as follows:

Sl. No.	District Headquarter	Tender No.
1	Udupi and Chikmagaluru	DULT/2025-26/SE0036
2	Raichur	DULT/2025-26/SE0037
3	Kolar and Chitradurga	DULT/2025-26/SE0038
4	Hospet	DULT/2025-26/SE0039
5	Hassan and Mandya	DULT/2025-26/SE0040
6	Bidar	DULT/2025-26/SE0041
7	Bagalkote and Gadag -Betageri	DULT/2025-26/SE0042

Sd/- Adiministrative Officer
Directorate of Urban Land Transport
Urban Development Department.

DIPR/CP/5081/SHIRDI SAI/2025-26

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No.: T.C.C./Engineer Section/Civil/CR/21/25-26 Date: 16-01-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(E-Procurement Portal through only)

The Executive Engineer, Tumakuru City Corporation, Tumakuru invites tenders as per the KTPP act 1999 - 2000 through KPPP Portal for Corporation Grant Work for tenders Eligible Contractors with PWD License Certificate can Participate in the Tender.

Contractors can Download and Submit the Tenders through KPPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be Paid Electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1) Date of Receipt of Tenders : 16-01-2026, 2) Last Date for Submission of Tenders : 30-01-2026 at 4.30 p.m., 3) Pre-Bid Meeting : 23-01-2026 at 11.30 a.m., 4) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : 31-01-2026 at 4.35 p.m., 5) Date of Opening of Tenders (Financial Bids) : 02-02-2026 at 10.30 a.m.

Postponement of Calendar of events (if any) is only Through KPPP Portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Tumakuru City Corporation Tumakuru.

DIPR/Tumkur/73/Manipal/2025-26

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Bengaluru South End Circle Branch, 96, South End Road, South End Circle, Bengaluru- 560004, **Email:cb1173@canarabank.com**

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

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The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or **before 04.02.2026 - 5.00 pm**

DETAILS AND FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY(IES) **(Rs.in lacs)**

Lot	Description of the Immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1.	**SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the Property being the Vacant Site bearing No.334 in Converted Survey No.23/2 situated at Kasavanahalli Village, vide Conversion Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S).388/1991-92, dated 14.05.1992 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District and Converted Survey No.35, vide Conversion Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(S).365/1991-92, dated 22.05.1992 issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru District situated at Junna Sandra Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now comes under jurisdiction of Doddakennahalli Village Panchayath Area, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West 80 Feet and North to South 50 Feet totally measuring 4,000 Square Feet and bounded:_On the East: 50 feet Road, On the West: Site No. 344 and 345 , On the North: Site No. 333, On the South: Site No. 335 **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY:** 378 Square Feet undivided share, right. Title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property. **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.101 in the Ground Floor in the Residential Apartment Complex known as K.R.RESIDENCY constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property having a Super Built Up Area measuring 1,200 Square Feet including proportionate share in common areas, such as, passages, lobbies, staircase, lifts, etc., alongwith One Covered Car Parking Space	64.58 Lakhs	6.458 Lakhs	1.00 Lakhs

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact Chief Manager, South end Circle Branch, Bengaluru e, Ph. No. 9976633313, 080-22447997, 8334999471, during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 17.01.2026

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PANCHAYATH RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, RAICHUR

No.EE/PRED/RCR/AE/E-Tender/2025-26/27 Date: 17.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement)

On Turn-key basis Tenders are invited through e-procurement for the following works by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.Division, Raichur on the behalf of Governor of Karnataka, from the contractors registered in PRED as per the schedule given below:

Issue of Blank Tender Documents from : 19.O1.2026
Receipt of completed tender documents : 31.01.2026 up to 4.30 P.M
Technical Bid opening on : 21-02-2026 at 5.00 P.M. (If possible)
Financial Bid opening on : 05.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. (If possible)

Indent Nos.:-

1) **Raichur Taluk :** 21168, 21151, 21161, 21152, 20323, 21363, 21366, 21860, 21903, 21872, 21880, 21915, 21916, 21918, 22431, 21920

Further details can be obtained by logging on the http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
(Shivappa H.) **Executive Engineer**
P.R.E. Division, Raichur

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
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Email ID: pasteurinstituteshil@gmail.com Tel no. 0364-2591510/94851 06663

No:DHSME&R/SMC/TENDER/IV/31/2025-26/117 Dtd; Shillong, the 15th January, 2026

CORRIGENDUM

In continuation of the tender notice for "Supply and Installation of Equipment/Items for the Department of Skill Lab as per NMC at Shillong Medical College Shillong" under the Directorate of Health Services Medical Education & Research (DME) (NIT No. DHSME&R/SMC/TENDER/IV/20/2025/10033), it is hereby notified that the Directorate has been relocated.

Accordingly, the address for submission of tenders is revised as under:

"Directorate of Health Services Medical Education & Research (DME), MMSRB Building DHS (MI) Top Floor, Health Complex, Nongkynrih - Laitumkhrah, Shillong, Meghalaya - 793003".

All tenders and related documents shall henceforth be submitted at the above address only. Tenders submitted at the earlier address after issuance of this notice shall not be considered.

All other terms and conditions of the tender remain unchanged. This Corrigendum shall form an integral part of the tender documents.

(Sd/-)
Director of Health Services
Medical Education & Research (DME)
Meghalaya, Pasteur Hills, Shillong

M.I.P.R. No. 2594
Dt, : 16/1/26

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1	Residential Site No 5, carved out of sy no 29/13 of Mayagananahalli Village, Kasaba hobli, Ramanagaram Taluk, V P Katha No 571-5-29/13, Measuring 8000 sft standing in the name of Sri Ramesh Aithal and K Shantahrama Holla. Area Sq. ft. 8000 **Coordinates of the property, Latitude- 12.8062193N, Longitude- 77.3170495E**	₹. 120.00	₹. 12.00	₹. 1.00
	TOTAL	120.00	12.00	

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
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Date : 17.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **05.02.2026 - 5.00 PM.** **(₹.In Lakhs)**

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value	Inspection date & time
1	Residential vacant site Situated at Khata no 2142/2580 (Old No.2580/5089) Kunigal Town, Municipal council, near KHB colony and property in the name of partner K R Gayathri W/o K N Krishna Murthy. Total extent of land is 6120 Sq ft. Boundaries: East: property belong to Sarawathi bai, West: property belong to K N Balaji Rao, North: Lake Yard, South: Road and property belong to K N Krishnamurthy. **Coordinates of the property, Latitude- 130133.3N, Longitude- 770206.4E.**	₹. 173.00	₹. 17.30	₹. 1.00	**31.01.2026 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer**
2	Converted land site Sy.No.240/2, Old 240, Khata No.184/211 Old Khata No.240/2 measuring 2 acres 7 guntas plus 7 guntas of Kharab in all measuring 2 acre and 14 guntas within the limits of Beguru Village Panchayat, Gottigere Village, Hutrigere Village, Hutridurga Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkur Dt., bounded by : East: Property of Shafiullah Khan, West : Road, North: Ansarulla Khan; South: Land of Abdul Azeez and Fiaz Khan, Valuation at time of sanction ₹.691.24, **Coordinates of the property, Latitude- 130157.4N, Longitude-770356.9E .**	₹. 332.00	₹. 33.20	₹. 1.00	
	Total	**₹.505.00**			

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **(www.canarabank.com)** or **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.080-25310066, 9866977711 and 9483544116** during office hours on any working day.

Date : 17.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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ESTD:1971

(R.B.I. Licence No. UBD-KA 550 P)
A.O. : Rajatha Bhavana, No.106, R.V.Road, Visveswarapuram, Bengaluru-560 004.
Ph : 080-22422461/63, Email: recovery@subcobank.com.Website: subcobank.com

NOTICE OF SALE- IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction sale under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act 2002 of the Immovable property mortgaged to **Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Limited, Rajatha Bhavana, No.106, R.V.Road, Visveswarapuram, Bengaluru-560 004** for recovery of secured debts below mentioned. For the realization of these debts the mortgaged property has brought for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".**

Borrower / Owner Name	Description of the Properties & Loan Amount	Auction Date & Time and Place	Reserve Price & EMD Amount
V V Puram Branch. Phone: 080-22422461/63, 26622462.			
Smt. C.N. Sunanda Sri Nagarja.N	All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property being the residential/commercial premises bearing municipal No.28 (old No.74), PID;No:23-2-28, Situated at 59th 'B' Cross Road, 4th N Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, BBMP ward No 23 (Prakashnagar), measuring East to West : 50 feet and North to South : 40 feet, totally measuring about 2000 Sq. Ft, consisting 3 floors building and bounded as following boundaries: East by: Drain, West by: Road, North by: Site bearing No; 73,South by: Site bearing No; 75. Property belongs to Smt.C.N Sunanda W/o Sri N.Nagaraja. **For Recovery of Rs.2,50,75,279.00 (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Nine Only) and future interest and Other charges from 01/01/2026**	**Date: 05/02/2026 Thursday 11.30 AM at Rajatha Bhavana, No.106, R.V.Road, Visveswarapuram, Bengaluru-04**	**Rs.2,00,00,000/- EMD Amount Rs.20,00,000/-**

TERMS AND CONDITION OF AUCTION

(1) The intending bidders should Deposit EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order drawn in favour of **Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Rajatha Bhavana No.106, R V Road, V V Puram, Bengaluru-560004,** payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. **(2)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(3)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(4)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(5)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in NEFT/RTGS or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the properties shall be put for re-auction. **(6)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues/taxes/charges/property tax/KEB charges/water charges/conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(7)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/bid/offer and/or adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(8)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(9)** The properties can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and 5.00 PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(10)** The properties are put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **(11)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **(12)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full, other terms and conditions applicable as per the Act.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Rajatha Bhavana No.106, R.V Road, V V Puram, Bengaluru-560004. for ascertaining the details of properties and also for inspection of property (Ph.080-26622462, 22422461/63, 9900607365)

Date : 17.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

OFFICE OF THE
Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City

To No. ADM-II/21/2026 dated 14.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub: To provide service for procurement of stationery/ consumable articles to Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru City - reg.

Inviting tender notification for production of stationery items service to Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru City for the year 2026-2027 from reputed private vendors for any clarifications / further details regarding EMD, Tender information found on official website:**https://bengaluru.dcourts.gov.in/notice-category/tenders/**

Sl No.	Description of Articles	Sl No.	Description of Articles
1	6 Lever Lock (Godrej)	40	Mask
2	7 Lever Lock (Godrej)	41	Pad Ink
3	8 Lever Lock (Godrej)	42	Paper Weight
4	Ball pin	43	Pen stand
5	Beetel M53 Telephone Instrument	44	Phenyle 5 ltrs can
6	Black Pencils (1 box)	45	Plastic Bucket (big size-16 Ltrs)
7	Big size towel Turkey (36 x 72")	46	Plastic Bucket (small size-5 ltrs)
8	Bombay Broom (Monkey brand)	47	Plastic Dust Pan
9	Brown tape 2 inches	48	Plastic Mug
10	Chair Pillows (cushion)	49	Plastic Tray (Brite)
11	Calculator Casio WJ 240 J	50	Porcelain Plates
12	Coconut Broom	51	Poker
13	Coir mat (2 x 4ft)	52	Punching needle
14	Cora Cloth	53	Room Freshner-Odonil
15	Cotton Tags	54	Royal Blue Black Ink Bottle
16	Cotton thread	55	Royal Blue Green Ink bottle
17	Cup & Saucer set of six	56	Rubber Band
18	Dustbin small without lid	57	Stapler Big
19	Dustbin trolley type - 50 Ltrs	58	Stapler Small
20	Dust Pan	59	Spider web Cleaning stick
21	Emergency Light	60	Stapler Pins - Small
22	Everyday battery cells AA	61	Stapler Pins - Big
23	Extension cord (CONA)	62	Steel flask½ ltr. (Milton)
24	Exo round dish wash soap	63	Steel Flask - ltr. (Milton)
25	File Folders	64	Steel spoon
26	File Wrapper	65	Stitching Thread (1 box)
27	Floor Wiper with stick	66	Aluminum Trunk
28	Gandhi Portrait photo with frame	67	Tabalak Thread (1 Kg)
29	Baba Saheb Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Portrait photo with frame	68	Table calling bell
30	Green Baize cloth	69	Kora cloth (thick 44" Panna)
31	Gum Bottles	70	Toilet Cleaning Brush
32	Harpic Toilet Cleaner 500ml	71	Telephone Cable coil – 2 pair
33	Hand towel	72	Reputed company Suitcase 21"
34	Hanger	73	Wall clock
35	Hand Gloves	74	Water Glass
36	Heavy Duty single Punching machine (metal)	75	Water glass covering plate
37	Ink Pad small size & big size	76	Water Pad
38	Liquid Hand wash 250 ml	77	White Tape 1 inch
39	Marker Pen	78	Writing Pad

1. Date of issue of tender documents: **16.01.2026**. **2.** Last date for objections: **23.01.2026.** **3.** Last date for submission of tender applications: **06.02.2026. 4.** Date of opening of tenders: **07.02.2026.**

Sd/-
Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru city.

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11 people aboard Indonesian plane vanish in mountainous region; search underway

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Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Trump invites more leaders to join Gaza 'Board of Peace'

Former British PM Tony Blair, US officials and regional powerbrokers named to supervise ceasefire, security and reconstruction efforts

TEL AVIV

TWO of President Donald Trump's closest confidants, a former British prime minister, an American general and a collection of top officials from Middle Eastern governments are at the forefront of the US Gaza ceasefire plan.

The White House this week announced the members of a new Palestinian committee to run Gaza's day to day affairs, along with an executive committee of international experts who will supervise these efforts. They include a high-powered group of people with strong connections across the region and varying degrees of leverage of Israel and Hamas.

The entire effort will be overseen by the "Board of Peace" — a collection of world leaders led by Trump whose other members still have not been named. Still, this week's appointments mark an important step forward for Trump's ambitious ceasefire plan.

Marco Rubio is the US secretary of state and national security adviser, putting him at the center of American foreign policy. Steve Witkoff has served as the White House Mideast envoy during Trump's second term in office. Jared Kushner is Trump's son-in-law who has long been a key foreign policy adviser to Trump.

Tony Blair, the British prime minister from 1997 to 2007, Blair has decades of experience in the Middle East.

Major General Jasper has been appointed commander of the International Stabilization Force, an on-the-ground multinational force meant to enforce and guarantee the ceasefire.

Hakan Fidan has been the Turkish foreign minister since 2023 and is close to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Ali Al-Thawadi is a diplomat from Qatar, which has been a key mediator between Israel and Hamas throughout the war.

General Hassan Rashadis the director of Egypt's intelligence agency. Egypt borders both Israel and Gaza and, like Qatar, has been a key mediator throughout the war.

Reem Al-Hashimy is a Cabinet minister for the United Arab Emirates. The wealthy Gulf country has strong ties with Israel and is expected to play an important role in the reconstruction process of Gaza. Marc Rowan is a co-founder, chief executive and chairman of Apollo Global Management, a U.S. asset-management firm.

Sigrid Kaag, the Netherlands' former deputy prime minister, has served as the United Nations coordinator for humanitarian aid to Gaza since the war erupted in late 2023.

Robert Gabriel served as a policy adviser on Trump's first presidential campaign and currently is deputy national security adviser. Yakir Gabay is an Israeli billionaire who is a major shareholder in Aroundtown SA, a global real estate group. Nickolay Mladenov, a Bulgarian politician and former U.N. envoy to the Middle East, will serve as the "high representative" for Gaza.

Ali Shaath has been named as head of the new Palestinian committee administering Gaza's daily affairs. *AP*

Israel objects to US announcement of leaders

NAHARIYA: Israel's government is objecting to the White House announcement of leaders who will play a role in overseeing next steps in Gaza as the ceasefire moves into its challenging second phase. The rare criticism from Israel of its close ally in Washington said the Gaza executive committee "was not coordinated with Israel and is contrary to its policy," without details. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has told the foreign ministry to contact Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 835

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US delegation voices support for Denmark, Greenland

NUUK

A bipartisan US congressional delegation on Saturday sought to reassure Denmark and Greenland of their support following President Donald Trump's threat to punish countries with tariffs if they don't back the US taking over the strategic Arctic island. Delegation leader Senator Chris Coons, a Delaware Democrat, said the current rhetoric around Greenland is causing concern across the Danish kingdom. He said he wants to de-escalate the situation. "I hope that the people of the Kingdom of Denmark do not abandon their faith in the American people," Coons said in Copenhagen, adding that the US has respect for Denmark and NATO "for all we've done together."

Donald Trump said on Saturday that he would charge a 10 per cent import tax starting in February on goods from eight European nations because of their opposition to American control of Greenland. Trump said in a social media post that Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Finland would face the tariff and that it would climb to 25 per cent on June 1 if a deal is not in place. Meanwhile, Danish Major General Soren Andersen, leader of the Joint Arctic Command, told The Associated Press that Denmark does not expect the US military to attack Greenland, or any other NATO ally, and that European troops were recently deployed to Nuuk for Arctic defense training. *AP*

Syrian troops move into towns after Kurdish withdrawal

DEIR HAFER

SYRIAN government forces entered two northern towns Saturday morning after the command of Kurdish-led fighters said it would evacuate the area in an apparent move to avoid conflict.

Two soldiers were killed and others wounded in a clash as they entered the town of Maskana, state media reported. Meanwhile, troops made their way into the town of Deir Hafer. The two towns changed hands after deadly fighting erupted earlier this month between government troops and the US-backed and Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces in the city of Aleppo, Syria's largest. It ended with the evacuation of Kurdish fighters from three neighborhoods taken over by government forces.

An Associated Press reporter on Saturday saw government tanks, armored personnel carriers and other vehicles, including pickup trucks with heavy machine guns mounted on top, entering Deir Hafer after bulldozers removed barriers. There was no SDF presence on the edge of the town. The Syrian military said its forces were in full control of Deir Hafer, captured the Jarrah air base to the east, and were in the process of clearing mines and explosives. It added that troops would move toward the nearby town of Maskana, where an AP reporter saw a military convoy rolling in hours later.

"Our happiness is beyond expression. It is the happiness of liberation," said Hussein Mustafa as he welcomed troops entering Deir Hafer. He blasted the SDF, saying now residents of the town can celebrate that government forces are in charge at last. Another resident, Mohammed al-Jaber, said: "The Syrian Arab Army came here and liberated us from this terrorist organisation."

The SDF for years has been the main US partner in Syria in the fight against the Islamic State group, but Ankara considers the SDF a terrorist organisation because of its association with Kurdish separatist insurgents in Turkey. Some of the factions that now make up the Syrian army were formerly Turkish-backed insurgent groups that have a long history of clashing with Kurdish forces. *AP*

A convoy of Syrian government forces carrying machine guns drives on a road leading to the town of Deir Hafer in Syria | AP

Ukrainian team in US for peace talks amid strikes

KYIV

A Ukrainian delegation arrived in the United States for talks on Saturday on a US-led diplomatic push to end the nearly 4-year-old war as Russian attacks again took aim at Ukraine's power grid, cutting electricity and heating in freezing temperatures.

Kyrylo Budanov, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's chief of staff, said he arrived in the US to discuss "the details of the peace agreement."

Writing on the Telegram messaging app, Budanov said he, together with Ukrainian negotiators Rustem Umerov and Davyd Arakhamia, would meet with US envoy Steve Witkoff, President Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner and U.S. Army Secretary Dan Driscoll.

Also on Telegram, Zelenskyy said Saturday that the principal task for the Ukrainian delegation was to convey how ongoing Russian strikes are undermining diplomacy.

The strikes, he said, are "constantly worsening even the small opportunities for dialogue that existed. The American side must understand this." Zelenskyy's latest comments came after he said on Friday that the delegation would try to finalize with US officials documents for a proposed peace settlement that relate to postwar security guarantees and economic recovery. *AP*

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Khamenei calls Trump 'criminal' over Iran protests

DUBAI

IRAN's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Saturday branded US President Donald Trump a "criminal" for supporting protesters in Iran, and blamed demonstrators for causing thousands of deaths. In a speech broadcast by state television, Khamenei said the protests had left "several thousand" people dead — the first indication from an Iranian leader of the extent of the casualties from the wave of protests that began December 28 and led to a bloody crackdown.

"In this revolt, the US president made remarks in person, encouraged seditious people to go ahead and said: 'We do support you, we do support you militarily,'" said Khamenei, who has final say on all state matters. He reiterated an accusation that the US seeks domination over Iran's economic and political resources.

"We do consider the US president a criminal, because of casualties and damages, because of accusations against the Iranian nation," he said. He described the protesters as "foot soldiers" of the United States and said they had destroyed mosques and educational centers. "Through hurting people, they killed several thousand of them," he said. His comments come a day after Trump sounded a conciliatory tone, saying that "Iran canceled the hanging of over 800 people," and adding that "I greatly respect the fact that they canceled." He did not clarify whom he spoke to in Iran to confirm the state of any planned executions. His comments were a sign he may be backing away from a military strike.

The official IRNA news agency reported that Tehran Prosecutor General Ali Salehi, referring to Trump's remarks about the cancellation of the death sentence of 800 protesters, said: "Trump always makes futile and irrelevant statements. Our attitude is severe, preventive and fast." He did not elaborate. *AP*

Ugandan prez wins 7th term, oppn upset

KAMPALA

UGANDAN President Yoweri Museveni won his seventh term with 71.65% of votes, according to official results Saturday, in an election marred by internet shutdown and fraud claims by his youthful challenger, who rejected the outcome and called for peaceful protests.

The musician-turned-politician best known as Bobi Wine took 24.72% of the vote, the final results showed. Wine, whose real name is Kyagulanyi Ssentamu, has condemned what he described as an unfair electoral process and alleged abductions of his polling agents. He said he had rejected the "fake results" and urged Ugandans to peacefully protest until the "rightful results are announced."

Wine said he had to escape to avoid arrest by security forces who stormed his house on Friday night. His party said earlier he was forcefully taken away in an army helicopter but police denied it. Police spokesperson Kituuma Rusoke said Wine was "not under arrest" and free to leave, but access to his home was restricted to prevent incitement. *AP*

Journalists in Bangladesh demand protection amid rising mob attacks

DHAKA

JOURNALISTS, editors and owners of media outlets in Bangladesh on Saturday demanded that authorities protect them following recent attacks on two leading national dailies by mobs.

They said the media industry in the South Asian country is being systematically targeted in the interim government headed by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus. They said the administration failed to prevent attacks on the Daily Star, the country's leading English-language daily, and the Prothom Alo, the largest Bengali-language newspaper, both based in Dhaka, the capital. In December, angry mobs stormed the offices of the two newspapers and set fire to the buildings, trapping journalists and other staff inside, shortly after the death of a prominent Islamist activist.

The newspaper authorities blamed the authorities under the interim government for failing to adequately respond to the incidents despite repeated requests for help to disperse the mobs. Hours later, the trapped journalists who took shelter on the roof of the Daily Star newspaper were rescued. The buildings were looted. A leader of the Editors Council, an independent body of newspaper editors, was manhandled by the attackers when he arrived at the scene.

On the same day, liberal cultural centers were also attacked in Dhaka. It was not clear why the protesters attacked the newspapers, whose editors are known to be closely connected with Yunus. Protests had been organized in recent months outside the offices of the dailies by Islamists who accused the newspapers of links with India. On Saturday, the Editors Council and the Newspapers Owners Association of Bangladesh held a joint conference where editors, journalist union leaders and reporters nationwide demanded authorities uphold press freedom ahead of February elections.

Editors Council President Nurul Kabir warned that attempts to silence media and democratic institutions reflect a dangerous pattern. *AP*

Journalists and media owners attend a conference demanding protection after attacks on two Dhaka newspapers | AP

Hindu worker killed at Bangladesh petrol pump

A Hindu fuel station worker was crushed to death in Bangladesh after trying to stop a car leaving without paying, police said. Ripon Saha, 30, was run over at a petrol pump in Rajbari district on Friday. Police seized the vehicle and arrested its owner and driver. Authorities are investigating whether the killing is linked to recent violence targeting minorities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, D.Chayapathi S/o G.Duraiswamy, aged 70 years, R/at No.24, CIIQ road, Byadarahalli, Muneshwara layout, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560091,

I state that, I am the absolute owner in possession of the property bearing Site No.548 measuring east to west 30 feet and north to south 40 feet, in total measuring 1200 square feet situated at Chandapura village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal taluk, Bengaluru district, which I got through the registered sale deed vide document No. 1919/1989-90 dated: 06.01.1990 in the office of sub registrar Anekal.

I state that, the original sale deed dated: 06.01.1990 is lost on 10.12.2025 while travelling at Kempegowda Bus station in this regard, I have lodged the police complaint vide Lost report No. 2009295/2026, dated: 14.01.2026

If anyone found the aforesaid original document, kindly contact within 7 days from the date this publication at the above address.

D. Chayapathi

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my clients Sri Vinay Agarwal and Sri Vijay Kumar Agarwal Children of Sri Rajendra Agarwal R/at No. 21, 12th Main Road, Puttenahalli Palya, Near Roshini Enclave Apartment J.P. Nagar 7th Phase Bengaluru - 78, intends to purchase the Schedule Property from Smt. Rathnamma W/o Sri K.B. Gurumurthy Reddy R/at No. 5, 5th Main, 5th Cross, Krishna Nagar Kothanur J.P. Nagar 8th Phase Bengaluru -78, who represents that she is the absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and that the Schedule Property is free from all kinds of encumbrances whatsoever and that there are no third party claims or rights on the Schedule Property.

Any person/s having any claim/s over the Schedule Property or having any objection/s about the above mentioned transaction may write to the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my clients will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential property bearing No. 1, (Old Khatha No. 47/B), sites formed in Sy. No. 131, situated at Kothanur village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk measuring East to West: 60-0 ft and North to South 40-0 ft, totally measuring 2400 Sqft. along with building, presently coming within the jurisdiction of the BBMP, ward No. 195, together with all appurtenances whether situated on below or above the surface, and bounded on;

East by : Road
West by : Property No. 2
North by : Private Property
South by : Road

M. MUNEGOWDA
Advocate and Consultant
No. 64/1, S.M. Plaza, 2nd Floor, Dr. D.V.G. Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore -04
Mobile: 9342878205;
Bangalore Dated: 17/01/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public Notices that my client **Smt. Anitha Kamath** D/o Late Mangalpady Mohan Shenoy, aged about 60 years residing at No. B57, Alaka, 59/2B Pratapaditya Road, Kalighat District, Kolkata, Kolkata, West Bengal is the absolute Owner of the property which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and acquired through a registered WILL which is registered as Document No. 280/1999-2000, Book-I, Volume No. 77, at page No. 118 to 129 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore Further inform that, my client has misplaced the above said WILL which is bequeathed by her father late Mangalpady Mohan Shenoy S/o Late M.D.Shenoy and registered as Document No. 280/1999-2000, Book-I, Volume No. 77, at page No. 118 to 129 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore . Hence my client has lodged Complaint in the jurisdictional police station on 17.01.2026

Therefore, any person(s) having any claim in respect of the below referred property or part thereof by any right/title/interest/ otherwise claiming, howsoever, are hereby advised to approach in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned within a period of 3 days (both days inclusive) of the publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.110, First FLOOR, Block-D of the Residential Apartment known as "USHAS APARTMENT" Consisting of the two Bedrooms and 900 Square feet of Super Built up area and 440.89 Square feet of undivided share.

Smt. SUNANDA S RATHOD, Advocate
Office at No.8, offices No 317, Prabhath Complex, 1st floor, Bangalore - 560 009.
Mob: 9945681973, Date:17-01-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

The general public is hereby informed that the following original document has been Lost / Misplaced and is not traceable till date: Original Registered Sale Deed, dated 24-06-2014, vide Document No.DBP-1-03098-2014-15, stored in CD No.DBPD326, dated 24-06-2014, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura. The Agriculture Land bearing Sy.No.78, situated at THIPPAPURA VILLAGE, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 02 Guntas and bounded on: East by: Property of Chikka Hanumappa, West by: Property of Venkatesh, North by: Property of Anjaneya and South by: Property of Hanumanthappa.

Our Client Mr. Rakesh Kumar, lodged a Police Complaint on 13-01-2026 through his counsel Mr. M Ramachandra, regarding the loss of document in Sampangirama Nagara Police Station, Bengaluru City, vide the Lost Report bearing No.2006896/2026, dated 13-01-2026 in respect of the aforesaid document. Public at large may take notice that our client will not be held responsible in the event of unauthorized and illegal use of the stolen document.

In the event of any one finding the said document, finders may kindly inform the undersigned Advocates firm within 10 days of this public notice. Otherwise our client will proceed with all future transaction without the aforesaid original document and state that it is lost beyond recoverability if not found and use the certified copies to enforce the same thereof.

DMS ASSOCIATES, Advocates
No.10, 1st Main Road, Sampangiramanagara, Bengaluru-560 027. Mob: 9901770087,
Email id : dmsdev@gmail.com,
Date:17-01-2026

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/108/2024 IN OA NO. 768/2021
UNION BANK OF INDIA
Versus
M/S JAGADISH S AND ANOTHER

TO:
(CH) Union Bank Of India (Andhra Bank)
South End Circle Branch,
No.3, 6th Main road, Opp. Traffic Police Station,Manjunath Mansion, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011
....CERTIFICATE HOLDER

VS
(CD 1) Sri. Jagadish S, S/o Sri Ramulu, R/at No. 39, 1st G Cross, J S Nagar, Nandini Layout, Near Sushil Naidu Kalyana Mantapa, Bangalore-560096
Also At:
Sri. Jagadish S, S/o Sri Ramulu, Zaxx Unisex Saloon, No. 7/1, 2nd Stage, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore-560086, Karnataka.
Also At:
Sri Jagadish S, S/o Sri Ramulu, Flat No. G-101, Ground Floor, Royal Paradise, Property No. 24, Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli-560070.
Also At:
Sri Jagadish S, S/o Sri Ramulu, No. 109, 8th B Cross, Near Sushil Naidu Hall, J.S Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore North-560096, Karnataka.
(CD 2) Smt. Jayanthi B.S.
W/o Sri Jagadish S, R/at No. 39, 1st G Cross, J S Nagar,Nandini Layout, Near Sushil Naidu Kalyana Mantapa, Bangalore, Karnataka-560096
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Also At:
Smt Jayanthi B.S. W/o Sri Jagadish S, Teacher at St. Thomas Indian School, No. 34, 3rd Main, J S Nagar, Bangalore-560096, Karnataka.
...CERTIFICATE DEBTORS

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT 2) in OA/768/2021 an amount of Rs. 43,57,094.99/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Ninety Four and Paise Ninety Nine Only) along with pendentellite and future interest @ 8.5% Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. 22.03.2021 till realization and costs of Rs. 46,005/- (Rupees Forty Six Thousands Five Only) has become due against you jointly and severally Plus, overdue interest @ 2% p.a. is also applicable.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. Your hereby order to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from this notice.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 30.03.2024

Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal,
Bangalore (DRT 2)

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT
YELLAPUR DIVISION, YELLAPUR

No:A4:DTS: January-2026 :Sale-1:CR-6:2025-26 Date: 09.01.2026

DETAILED NOTIFICATION FOR e-TENDER CUM AUCTION OF TIMBER IN MUNDGOD AND KIRWATTI DEPOT OF YELLAPUR DIVISION, YELLAPUR

KARNATAKA FOREST CODE, 1976
APPENDIX XVIII A (Rule 64)

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It is hereby notified for the general information of the public that, timber and other forest produce stocked and lotted in the Mundgod and Kirwatti Government Timber Depots of Yellapur Division, Yellapur will be sold through the public e-tender cum auction method in MSTC portal for one or more sessions from **30.01.2026 to 31.01.2026 (All four sessions) at Govt timber Depot Kirwattid depot, from 02.02.2026 to 05.02.2026 (All four sessions) and 06.02.2026 (Two sessions) at Govt timber Depot Mundgod** from 10.00 A.M till the bidding for all lots is completed. The Sale Conducting Officer will be The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Yellapur Division, Yellapur.

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Sd/- Harsha Bhanu G.P. IFS
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Yellapur Division, Yellapur

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$300 MN Amount to be split between four Venezuelan banks which was notified the country's govt to deposit revenue in an account in Qatar, enabling them to sell dollars to companies.

Tiger verdict to reshape VC/PE funding, exits

Foreign funds may look for stricter term sheets, conservative valuations

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ & PUSHPITA DEY @ Bengaluru/New Delhi

THE Supreme Court's ruling on denying tax treaty benefits to Mauritius-based entities of Tiger Global is expected to have far-reaching implications for venture capital (VC), private equity (PE) and foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), potentially reshaping investment structures, exit valuations and deal timelines in India's start-up ecosystem.

Tax experts said the judgment marks a decisive shift towards a substance-over-form approach in treaty interpretation, significantly strengthening the tax department's ability to challenge offshore holding structures — including those earlier believed to be protected under grandfathering provisions.

It held that mere possession of a Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) does not conclusively establish entitlement to treaty benefits, nor does it prevent tax authorities from examining whether intermediary entities were interposed primarily to avoid tax.

The verdict raises concerns that the tax department may go after more investments made through Mauritius or Singapore

Investors will have to be extra careful about the legal structure and history of the start-ups

Investors will respond to the verdict with tighter tax clauses, holdbacks and more conservative valuations

Investors will now want to explicitly clarify who will bear the burden if a tax issue arises later which is logical

Impact on exits, valuations

Lokesh Shah, partner at CMS INDUSLAW, said the ruling would prompt PE, VC and FPI investors to re-examine their holding structures and reassess exit-related tax exposure.

"This risk will directly affect transaction structuring and start-up exit valuations, including the need for tax gross-up and withholding protections, enhanced indemnities and other risk-allocation provisions. These factors are likely to extend deal negotiations and closure timelines," he said. Market participants noted that exit pricing — particularly in late-stage deals and secondary transactions — could be recalibrated to factor in potential capital gains tax exposure where treaty protection is uncertain.

Venture capitalists and start-up insiders said the judgment would not only discourage holding-company structures in Mauritius or Singapore but also lead to tighter term sheets and higher fund holdbacks at exit.

"This ruling doesn't stop investment, but it changes how risk is priced. Treaty structures without real substance will face more scrutiny, longer exits and lower net outcomes," said a venture capitalist. "Investors will respond with tighter tax clauses, holdbacks and more conservative valuations. Founders may feel this most in the short term."

Anurabh Sinha, founder and CEO of UClean, said setting aside a significant portion of exit proceeds in escrow is increasingly becoming standard practice. "Now that the court has made its stance clear, investors would rather be safe than sorry. They are withholding funds or deducting taxes at source during exits to cover potential future tax claims," he said. Sinha added that term sheets are likely to become much stricter. "Investors will want clarity on who bears the burden if a tax issue arises later. In several recent deals that burden appears to be shifting towards founders or the start-up itself," he said.

Substance over form

A key takeaway from the verdict is the court's clarification that the General Anti-Avoidance Rule (GAAR) can override treaty grandfathering. Experts said this could have significant implications for PE funds, hedge funds and FPIs using Mauritius- and Singapore-based structures, including for pre-2017 investments. It also underscored the relevance of business intent in determining the substance of a transaction, drawing on principles laid down in the Vodafone ruling.

The judgment empowers tax officials to independently examine treaty claims rather than rely solely on TRCs, reinforcing substance-over-form principles in cross-border transactions. Zeel Jambuwala, co-founder and partner at Aurtus, said the court's observations effectively extend the substance-over-form test to treaty eligibility itself. "This could significantly impact the PE and VC industry, requiring a detailed review of legacy structures and even closed deals. Tax costs and structuring will now form a critical part of commercial negotiations and valuations going forward," she said.

Industry-wide implications

While the ruling does not automatically reopen closed cases, tax experts cautioned that it materially strengthens the department's hand in reassessment proceedings, where permitted by law. It is expected to usher in a phase of heightened uncertainty for foreign investors, but could fundamentally reshape how offshore investments and start-up exits involving India are structured.

Siddarth Pai, founding partner at 3one4 Capital & co-chair regulatory affairs committee at Indian Private Equity & Venture Capital Association (IVCA), says with this verdict, the floodgates to re-examine past exits and even exits from IPOs has been opened. "The tax department will closely scrutinise exits to Mauritius-based entities. While many fund managers have pivoted to Singapore, SEBI AIFs or GIFT IFSC, the past presence in Mauritius will need investors and advisers to re-examine their tax risk and make provisions," he says.

A startup founder told *TNIE* that if they raise VC funding, they would rather do it under an Indian entity.

WILL AI CRASH LIKE THE DOT-COM BOOM?

IN the late 1990s, India fell in love with internet. Neon-lit cybercafés were everywhere; companies were adding '.com' to their names to double their valuations with little more than a URL and a pitch deck; investors believing they were sitting on a gold mine, dreaming of a future where clicks would replace commerce. Valuations soared; startups with no revenue, and often no product, were going public. Then came 2000: the music stopped and the mirage cleared. Trillions and inflated dreams evaporated.

The dot-com bust didn't kill the internet — it killed the promise of an instant digital future. Instead, it cleared the runway for its sustainable adoption, and out of that rubble rose Google, Amazon, and the foundations of the modern digital economy. Reality reset, driven by those who deliberately built for the future. The lesson is: most revolutions in tech don't arrive with a bang. They arrive disguised as slow, frustrating, incremental change.

Hype cycles around technology are not new. Our amnesia around them seems to be. The 2013 was when I began noticing AI entering enterprise in deployable forms — embedded in chatbots, predictive analytics, and fraud detection systems. Years later, we've arrived at generative AI, a tremendous technology leap, meaning systems that can create content, design workflows, write code, and even offer decision-making guidance. ChatGPT took the world by storm, not because it was powerful, but because it is accessible. Now, everyone can play. This level of unfettered access changed the conversation nearly overnight.

Artificial Intelligence offers alluring dreams; promising to write better code, replace customer support, and birth unicorns run by a single founder and a dozen agents. But the truth is that the enterprise still hasn't caught up with the dazzling headlines. Ensuring business-wide AI adoption is slower to implement. It can be uneven and fragmented; AI labs often operating in isolated silos. This is not about simply plugging in a new tool, but rewiring a whole system; shifting how we work, learn, and even think.

Crash probability

The question is if the AI will crash like the dot-com bubble. The probability is around 33%; not inevitable, but very possible. This is not to be alarmist, but the ingredients are familiar: soaring valuations, inexperienced start-ups, overhyped demos, bold headlines, and investors chasing the next miracle without understanding the tech or use case. Many are stuck in pilot mode with prototypes not translating into scaled impact; incomplete data; a missing trust layer; and analog processes.

TECH-TONIC SHIFT

VINEET NAYAR
former CEO of HCL Technologies and founder-chairman of Sampark Foundation

We are already seeing some startups valued at hundreds of millions, even billions, without proprietary models, differentiated data, or clear customer traction — experiments riding an open-sourced wave. A crash may not be such a bad thing.

What would this look like? AI budgets quietly shrinking; overfunded startups beginning layoffs or pivoting to 'enterprise SaaS'; LLM enthusiasm getting tempered by cost, quality, and compliance constraints; boards beginning to question the ROI of these tools. What it might leave behind is the builders — teams solving real problems, quietly creating the foundations for AI's true revolution. This can shift conversations from what AI could do to what it should do. By clearing distractions, we can come out stronger — setting the stage for durable innovation.

The way forward

The way forward is prepare. The iceberg may be real, but that doesn't mean the ship has to sink. This scenario does not signify failure but pruning; replacing vanity projects with the meaningful applications to address challenges, whether by making society more equitable, quality education and healthcare more accessible, or governance more transparent. While many promising AI labs, for instance, are suffocated by procurement delays, data security concerns, and turf wars between functions, those that succeed exhibit rare traits: shared ownership, executive support, and a relentless focus on solving actual user problems. The challenge lies in the process. We must move beyond trying to fit AI into legacy workflows and invest in redesigning completely. Success comes from letting go of processes that no longer serve us while using AI as the enabler.

What is missing? Currently, AI helps companies do what they already do, just faster — summarise meetings, write emails; solving for productivity instead of working towards market creation. These tools remain siloed — no one has fully cracked the stack, from ingestion to modelling to decisioning to compliance to UX. With AI infrastructure still evolving, scale is difficult to achieve.

It is time for companies to unlearn, reimagine, solve one real problem better than anyone else, focus on workflows, prove retention, and know what system they're replacing.

The internet didn't fail. We misused and misunderstood it. I doubt AI will fail either. The opportunity ahead is enormous — but so is the temptation to get carried away. The lesson from 2000 is simple: Technology survives. Hype doesn't.

HDFC Bank Q3 profit rises 11.5% on robust loan growth

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

INDIA'S largest private sector lender HDFC Bank on Saturday reported an 11.5% rise in standalone net profit at ₹18,650 in Q3FY26 against ₹16.736 crore during the same period last fiscal, driven by double-digit loan growth and the resultant interest income alongwith stable asset quality.

This is the first time the bank has seen a double-digit growth in profit since its merger with HDFC Ltd in 2023.

Chief Financial Officer Srinivasan Vaidyanath told presspersons that the bank will see growth in deposits and advances, and it hopes to reduce high credit deposit ratio which stood at 98.7 in the current quarter.

He said that the bank has made a provision of ₹800 crore as per the requirement of statutory changes due to new labour codes. It said the net interest income grew 6.4% to ₹32,620 crore on a steady growth in core earnings, healthy deposit accretion and stable asset quality, even as margins remained under some pressure.

The GNPA stood at ₹35,179 crore compared to ₹36,019 crore a year earlier and the net NPAs declined to ₹11,982 crore from ₹11,588 crore a year ago,.

Ahead of the quarterly results, the HDFC Bank share prices rose 0.55% to ₹930.55 on Friday. The stock has gained 13.7% in the last one year, outperforming the Nifty, which has returned less than 11% during the same period.

Operating expenses for the quarter were ₹18,770 crore. The bank's core cost-to-income ratio was 39.2 during the quarter, the CFO said.

Provisions amounted to ₹2,840 crore for the quarter, shrinking over 10% on-year. This was helped by the release of contingent provisions of ₹1,040 crore, primarily related to a large borrower group meeting specific conditions.

Yes Bank profit up 55% to ₹952 cr over asset quality

The Yes Bank reported a solid set of numbers for December quarter with standalone net profit zooming 55.4% on-year to ₹952 crore, driven by higher margins, sharply lower credit cost and asset quality improved. CEO Prashant Kumar said on a sequential basis, too the bank reported a massive 45.4% jump in net income.

ICICI Bank's PAT falls by 4% to ₹11,318 crore

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE ICICI Bank reported on Saturday a 4% year-on-year decline in standalone net profit to ₹11,318 crore for December quarter against ₹11,792.40 crore during the same period last year, weighing down by sharp rise in provision of ₹2,556 crore, including one-time agriculture provision of ₹1,283 crore.

On a consolidated basis too, the bank group saw its bottom-line shrinking marginally with the consolidated net income falling to ₹12,538 crore from ₹12,883 crore even as assets grew 8.8% to ₹27.53 lakh crore from ₹25.31 lakh crore.

The bank management, led by the chief executive officer (CEO) Sandeep Bakhshi and executive director Sandeep Batra, said the net interest income for the period grew 7.7%, and the overall asset quality was better with lower NPA ratios.

The provision issue belongs a period from 2012 and covers fully secured agri book in the form of term loans running into around ₹25,000 crore.

Neville's entry into Ratan Tata Trust delayed again

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE appointment of Tata Trusts' chairman Noel Tata's son Neville Tata to Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT) faced fresh delays after the cancellation of a board meeting scheduled on Saturday, people familiar with the matter said. Some reports said, the meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

Neville's induction into the SRTT, one of the two key trusts under Tata Trusts which has 66% stakes in Tata Sons, is being viewed as enhancing Noel's influence across the trusts, while elevating the 32-year-old into the Tata group's inner circle of power players and signalling his potential for a leadership role in the country's largest conglomerate.

It has to be noted that Tata Trusts' vice-chairman Venu Srinivasan, close confidante of Ratan Tata and Noel, was the main reason for the Neville's bid to get onto the board of SRTT in November when Neville was appointed to the board of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust. Srinivasan, who was Noel's Man Friday during his troubles with Mehli Mistry, opposed the move to appoint the latter's son into the board, citing procedural issues such as not being included in the meeting agenda prior to the meeting.

The trusts has a dual role of philanthropic entities and majority owners of Tata Sons, commanding nearly 66.4% of its total stakes. The Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and the SRTT own around 27.98% and 23.56%, respectively, in Tata Sons.

Experts believe securing seats on their boards thus equates to wielding significant influence over the group.

Ratan's half brother Noel had earlier inducted his son Neville and Tata group veteran Bhaskar Bhat onto the board of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT). The induction came amid rebellion from key figure Mistry, who was ousted late last year. Neville, the youngest of the three children of Noel and Aloo Tata (sister of Cyrus Mistry and cousin of Mehli Mistry), is a Bayes Business School graduate, had joined Trent, which is chaired by his father, in 2016. Noel's two daughters Leah (39) and Maya (36) also are present on the boards of all the smaller Tata Trusts, and Neville is the first to be inducted onto the key trusts.

Business & Beyond

Anil Kumar Singh takes over as Director (Commercial) of NALCO

Anil Kumar Singh has assumed the charge of Director (Commercial) of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), a Navratna company. Prior to this, Singh was working as General Manager (Materials & Contracts) and in-charge — HR at Hindustan Copper Limited, a CPSE under the Ministry of Mines. Singh has a remarkable work experience of over 35 years in the Commercial division of the Metal Industry. He is a graduate in Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering from BIT Sindri in 1990. He also acquired degree in GDMM, MBA (Materials Management) and PGDCA. He began his career in the Materials Management Division at Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), Visakhapatnam.

HPCL commissions residue upgradation facility at Visakh Refinery in Visakhapatnam

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has successfully commissioned the Residue Upgradation Facility (RUF) at its Visakh Refinery, marking a major milestone in India's deep-conversion refining capability and contributing meaningfully to national energy security. Several critical project equipment were indigenously manufactured, thereby, strengthening India's refining self-reliance. This first-of-its-kind facility in India showcases unprecedented engineering scale, housing among the world's heaviest three LC-Max reactors of ~2,200 MT each. With a capacity of 3.55 MMTPA, RUF employs advanced LC-Max based residue hydrocracking technology to achieve about 93% conversion of bottom oils into high-value products.

BHEL commences supply of underslung traction transformers for Vande Bharat

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has achieved yet another significant milestone in its 'Make in India' initiatives for the rail transportation sector by commencing supply of underslung traction transformers for the prestigious Vande Bharat Sleeper Train project being executed by BHEL-led consortium with TRSL. A flag-off ceremony was held at BHEL's Jhansi plant. Bani Varma, Director (IS&P), BHEL, and S. M. Ramanathan, Director (E, R&D), BHEL, flagged off the first set of semi-high-speed underslung traction transformers virtually. Earlier Traction Converters for the same project were flagged off from BHEL's Bengaluru plant. This further strengthens BHEL's strategic entry into the semi-high-speed propulsion segment, with operational speed of up to 160 kmph and design speed of 180 kmph. The transformers are being despatched to Kolkata for final assembly.

NMIA crosses 1 lakh passenger mark within 19 days of opening

Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) has marked a key operational milestone by crossing one lakh passengers within the first 19 days of commercial operations, reflecting strong passenger traction and a steady ramp-up in travel demand from the region As of January 12, NMIA handled a total of 1,09,917 passengers, comprising 55,934 arriving and 53,983 departing passengers. The airport recorded its busiest day on 10 January 2026, with 7,345 passengers handled in a day. The NMIA managed 734 Air Traffic Movements, including 32 General Aviation ATMs, demonstrating growing utilisation across both scheduled and general aviation operations.

IHCL opens Ginger Hotel in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu

The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), India's largest hospitality company, marked its foray into Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu with a Ginger branded hotel. This is a greenfield project. Suma Venkatesh, Executive Vice President – Real Estate & Development, IHCL, said, "Tuticorin is emerging as a key economic hub in South India, driven by its strong industrial base and new investments. The growth of mega projects in the automobile and energy sectors has created significant long-stay demand. This signing reinforces IHCL's commitment to catering to evolving needs in high-potential destinations."

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Ref.No. : BZO/ZO/2024-25/RPCLayout/01 Date : 30-12-2025

NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

To,
B K Suresh, No. 1246, 8th Cross, Near Sbi Chandra Layout,
Vijayangar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560040.
Also available at : Flat No. : G-02, Ground Floor, Shree Sai Shankara Apartment,
7/1, Palace Cross Road, Bengaluru - 560051.
Mr. B K Raja Gopal, No. 1246, 8th Cross, Near Sbi Chandra Layout,
Vijayangar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560040.
Sir / Madam,

At the request made by you, the Bank has granted to you various Credit facilities aggregating to an amount of **Rs. 4,40,00,000/-** We give hereunder details of various credit facilities granted by us and the outstanding dues there under as on the date of this notice :

Nature of Facility	Sanction Limit	Outstanding Dues
Home Loan A/c. Number : 842375110000390	Rs. 4,10,00,000.00	Rs. 4,07,41,666.48
Personal Loan A/c Number : 842360810000027	Rs. 30,00,000.00	Rs. 25,67,023.00

2. The aforesaid credit facilities granted by the Bank are secured by the following assets/securities (particulars of properties/assets charged to Bank).

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : Schedule A Property :- All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.7/1, situated at Palace cross Road, Bangalore, measuring 13,000 square feet and bounded on : **East By :** Private Property, **West By :** Vendors Vacant Land Measuring 1405 Sq.Ft., **North By :** Palace Cross Road, **South By:** Private Property.
Schedule B property :- All that piece and parcel of the residential flat bearing No. G-02 Ground floor, 4 Bed Room Flat in Residential Apartment Complex known as "Shree Sai Shanakara Apartments" Constructed on the Schedule A Property having super built up area of 2760 Square Feet which is include of the Floors and Walls between the Flats and Proportionate Share in All Common Areas, including the Proportionate Share in the Common Areas such as, Passengers Pathway, Lobbies, Staircase, Garden Area, Sump, Overhead Tanks on the Terrace and Solar Panels and Other Areas of Common Car Parking Slots in the basement. The flat is within in the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, bearing Khata Certificate / E-Khata, PID No. 78-119-7/1-2, Ward No. 78, Vasannthnagar - Bangalore. Boundaries for the Flat : **East** : Corridor, **West** : Open Space, **North :** Open Space, **South :** Open Space.

3. As you have defaulted in repayment of your dues to the Bank under the said credit facilities, we have classified your account as Non-Performing Asset with effect from **Date : 29-12-2025** in accordance with the directions/guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.
4. For the reasons stated above, we hereby give you notice under Section 13(2) of the above noted Act and call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities by paying to the Bank sum of **Rs. 4,07,41,666.48/- (Rupees Four Crores Seven Lakhs Forty One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six and Paisa Forty Eight) in Home Loan @ 9.85% P.A in Home Loan from Date : 29-12-2025 and Rs. 25,67,023.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Sixty Seven-Thousand and Twenty Three) @ 10.50% P.A in the Personal Loan from Date : 29-12-2025, Total aggregating to Rs. 4,33,08,689.48 (Rupees Four Crores Thirty three Lakhs Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine and Paisa Forty Eight)** along with further interest at contractual interest thereon compounded with monthly rests and all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank, till repayment by you within a period of 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which please note that we will entirely at your risks as to costs and consequences exercise the powers vested with the Bank under Section13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, against the secured assets mentioned above.
5. While we call upon you to discharge your liability as above by payment of the entire dues to the Banks together with applicable interest, all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank till repayment and redeem the secured assets, within the period mentioned above, please take important note that as per section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of Secured assets will be available to you only till the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.
6. The amounts realised from exercising the powers mentioned above, will firstly be applied in payments of all costs, charges and expenses which are incurred by us and/ or any expenses incidental thereto, and secondly in discharge of the Bank's dues as mentioned above with contractual interest from **Date: 30-12-2023** till the date of actual realisation and the residue of the money, if any, after the Bank's entire dues (including under any of your other dues to the Bank whether as borrower or guarantor) are fully recovered, shall be paid to you.
7. If the said dues are not fully recovered from the proceeds realised in the course of exercise of the said powers against the secured assets, we reserve our right to proceed against you and your other Assets including by filing legal/recovery actions before Debts Recovery Tribunal / Courts for recovery of the balance amount due along with all costs etc. incidental thereto from you.
8. Please take note that as per Sub-Section (13) of the aforesaid Act, after receipt of this notice, you are restrained from transferring or creating any encumbrances on the aforesaid secured assets whether by way of sale, lease, license, gift mortgage or otherwise.
9. The undersigned is a duly Authorised Officer of the Bank to issue this notice and exercise powers under section 13 of the aforesaid Act.
10. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Bank.

Date : 30.12.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Bank of India**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that my client Sri. Hombuja Jain Math, at, having Humcha - Hosanagara Taluk, Shivamogga District - 577 436. has irretrievably lost the original Gift Deed 19-12-1981, registered as Document No. 5560/1981/82 of Book - I, Vol. No. 1778 at pages 8 to11 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk. My client has lodged a Police Complaint for lost article on 14-01-2026, under acknowledgement issued by the Bangalore City Police bearing Sl. No. 2009704, Lost Report No. 2009704/2026.
If any person / s found the said Gift deed please come forward with in a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice and hand over the same to the under signed, will be suitably rewarded. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using the missing document, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within 7 days from this paper publication. Else there won't be any further claims from thereon.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY - A

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing number 367/334/311/20/9 (previous - Khaneshumari No. 85/5) situated at Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, coming under the jurisdiction of Bommanahalli Municipal Council presently under the limits of BBMP admeasuring East to West 103 feet and North to South 30 feet, and bounded as follows
East by : 30 Feet Road, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Land bearing No. 12 out of Sy.No. 21/1 belonging to Sreemad Devendrakeerthi Bhattaraka Mahaswamiji Sri Hombuja Jain Math, Humcha, **South by :** Property bearing No. 90/84/79 of Smt. Rathna & Rathnamma, Smt. J. Uma & Smt. J. Usha

Sri. B. Dinesh, Advocate,
No.16, Second Floor, Padmavathi Arcade,
1st Main Road, N.R. Colony, Bangalore-560 019.
Mob : 9448505446 & 8904420395
Place : Bangalore Date : 17-01-2026

IN THE COURT OF XXIV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-6)
O.S. No. 6484/2012

Bhoopal. P ... PLAINTIFF -V/s-
Govindappa. P and Ors ... **DEFENDANTS**
Bhoopal.P, Aged about 43 years, S/o. Late Munipoovanna, R/at No. 109, Munipoovanna Layout, Manorayana Palya, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 032.

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT No.10 NOTICE TO THE PROPOSE DEFENDANT NO.24 AND 35

To, **1) Smt. Moli Josh,** W/o. M.C. Josh, Aged about 56 years, Munipoovanna Layout, Manorayana Palya, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032. ... **DEFENDANT No.10**
2) Sri. Sharunkumar .N, S/o. Sri. Neelakantan, Aged about 29 years, R/at Ambika Nilayan, No. 46/4, Tulasamma Layout, Manorayana Palya, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032. ... **PROPOSED DEFENDANT No.24**
3) Mrs. Manjula, W/o Mr. N Raja, Aged about 36 years, R/a No. 47/1, 1st Cross, Seethappa Layout, Cholanayakanahalli, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032. ... **PROPOSED DEFENDANT No.35**
Whereas the above named plaintiff instituted a suit against you for Partition with interest from the date of the suit till realization.
You are hereby summoned/Notice to appear before this court on **22-01-2026** at 11:00 A.M. in person or through advocate/ pleader to answer the questions to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE - A

All the piece and parcel of the property in Sy. No. 47, measuring 1 acre situated at Cholanayakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on: East by: Property belongs to Muninagappa, West by: Remaining portion of same Sy. No. North by : Channel, South by : Property belongs to Pillappa

SCHEDULE - B

All the piece and parcel of the property in Sy. No. 49/6, Khatha No. 76(c) measuring 5 guntas out of 9 guntas situated at Cholanayakanahalli Village, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on: East by: Property belongs to Pillappa, West by: Venkatashamappa's land, North by : Sy. No. 47, South by : Venkatashamappa's Property

SCHEDULE - C

All the piece and parcel of the property in Sy. No. 44/2, Khatha No. 38 measuring 50 X 42 feet situated at Cholanayakanahalli Village, Muninayana Palya, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on: East by : Dhoopanahalli Muniyamma's House, West by: Lakshmaiah's property, North by : Road, South by : Munishamappa Reddy property.
Given under my hand and the seal of this court on 19-12-2025
By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court at Bangalore.

Advocate for plaintiff: **DHANISHA GIRI**
No. 27, Serpentine Road, Kumara Park West, Bangalore-560020.
Ph No. 8951023654, "
Email: dhanisha@nbgchambers.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, D.Thimma Reddy S/o Dodda Kondaiah, aged 72 years, R/at No.44/1, 7th Main, 19th C Cross, BTM Layout, N S Palya, Bengaluru - 560076
I state that, I am the absolute owner in possession of the property bearing Site No.555 measuring east to west 30 feet and north to south 40 feet, in total measuring 1200 square feet situated at Chandapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, which I got through the registered sale deed vide document No.1917/1989-90 dated: 06.01.1990 in the office of sub registrar Anekal.
I state that, the original sale deed dated: 06.01.1990 is lost on 14.08.2025 while travelling at Kempegowda Bus station in this regard, I have lodge the police complaint vide Lost report No. 2009289/2026, dated : 14.01.2026
if anyone found the aforesaid original document, kindly contact within 7 days from the date this publication at the above address.

D.Thimma Reddy

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intend to enter into development agreement inrespect of the below mentioned Schedule Property from its lawful owner viz., **SRI.RAJESH KUMAR.B.M,** S/o Sri. Mukundappa, aged about 44 years, Residing at No.G 501, HAL Colony, Central Township, Bengaluru-560 037. The Owner represent that he is the absolute owner and has good marketable right, title and interest therein and there are no other persons have any right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule Property.
Any person or persons, Banks, Financial institutions etc., having any valid right, title interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim/s within **14 days** from the date of this public notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.90/2 (Old Sy.No.90), measuring 1acre, situated at Ramagondanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on the :-
East by : Land bearing Sy.No.90/1 and Sy.No.62
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.89
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.89
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.64 and Sy.No.65

SD/- **K.VENKATA SUDHEER**, ADVOCATE
NO.548/51/1, 1ST FLOOR GARUTHMAN PARK, ANDAL TEMPLE STREET (BEHIND R.V.TEACHER'S COLLEGE) R.V.ROAD, BASAVANAGUDI BANGALORE – 560 004
MOBILE: 9845682098

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client is agreed to purchase the below mentioned property from **(1) Smt. M. Navamani, (2) Sri. K. Niranjan** and any person or persons claiming any interest on the below mentioned property or any part thereof, is hereby required to communicate the same to me, with documentary evidence at my Office, **situated at No.1063/71A, F-3A, 2nd Main, 8th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, Mysore- 570 008**, within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this publication, failing which my client shall proceed with the sale transaction, without any reference or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

3 BHK Flat bearing **No.202,** in the Second Floor, East Facing, of **'SN INFRA'** having super built up area of **1425 Square Feet,** with one covered car parking Slot No: **202,** inclusive of proportionate share of common areas along with **282 Square Feet** of undivided share, right, title and interest in residential property bearing Site No. 414, situated in the layout formed by the Bharath Housing Co-operative Society Ltd., known as Bharath HBCS Layout (Sri. B.L. Lakkegowda Nagar), in Sy. No.77(p), 78(p), 79, 80(P), 87(p), 88/1(p), of Uttarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, East to West 40-0 Feet and North to South: (76.0+70.0) /2 Feet, in all measuring 2920 Square Feet and bounded on
East by : Site No.415,
West by : Site No.413,
North by : Site No.427 and
South by : Road,
now comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Uttarahalli Sub Zone, Bengaluru, ward 184, assigned with BBMP Khatha No.414/414, New BBMP Katha No.414/183/414.

Sri. LAXMI .Y.S, Advocate
No.1063/71-A, F-3A, 2nd Main, 8th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, Mysore-570008.
Date:17-01-2026

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A government of Karnataka Enterprises)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

No.: E.E./KNNL/BDN-4/T.No./ PB-1/2700 Bhadra Tender Notice No.: 19/2025-26 Date: 16.01.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, The Executive Engineer, KNNL, No. 4, B.R.L.B.C. Division, Bhadravathi invites tender through e-procurement platform from registered contractors for 05 Nos. of works under 2700 Bhadra Head of Account.
1. Last dates for requesting Tender Forms and submitting applications: From 17.01.2026 to 29.01.2026 up to 17.30 Hrs. **2**. Date of opening Financial Bid (For Sl. No. 01 to 04): 30.01.2026 at 17.30 Hrs. **3**. Date of opening Technical Bid (For Sl. No. 05): 30.01.2026 at 17.30 Hrs. **4**. Date of opening Financial Bid (For Sl. No. 05): After obtaining approval of technical bid from competent authority **5**. Time Period: 04 Months (including rainy season) **6**. Amount put to Tender From Rs. 8.45 lakhs to Rs. 55.91 lakhs **7**. E.M.D. Amount From Rs. 10,600/- to Rs. 56,000/-
For information and further details this office can be contacted during office hours. Phone: 8660573513

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

DIPR/smg/ksmca/25-26/143/01/1652

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.

IDFC FIRST Bank

APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **29.10.2025** calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors 1. **M/S SRI VENKATESHWARA TRADERS, 2. LOKESH KUMAR N, 3. SUNITHA M B,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 4,61,75,735/- (Rupees Four Crore SixtyOne Lac Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-Five Only) as on 18.10.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Demand notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub - section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **15th day of JAN 2026.**
The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of THE IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount of **Rs. 4,61,75,735/- (Rupees Four Crore SixtyOne Lac Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-Five Only)** and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub - Section (8) Of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Properties.

All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Property Bearing Site No. 6, Khatha No. 1024, Carved Out Of Property Assessment No. 102/4, Situated At Hennur, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp Bangalore-560043, Measuring East To West 45 Feet, And North To South (30+24)/2 Feet, (i.e. On The Eastern Side 30 Feet, On The Western Side 24 Feet), Totally Measuring 1215 Square Feet, And **Bounded As : East :** Private Property **West :** 25 Feet Wide Road **North :** Site No. 5 **South:** Site No. 7

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

Date : **15-01-2026**
Place : **KARNATAKA**
Loan Account No : **10144934523**

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया BOI
Bank of India

RPC LAYOUT BRANCH

46, 5th Main, RPC Layout, Bangalore - 560040.
Ph.: 080-22959517, 22959516, E-Mail : RpcLayout.Bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

Ref.No. : BOI/SARFAESI/RPC Layout/2025-26/8 Date : 07-01-2026

NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

To,
1. Mr. Ravi Kumar .B.G S/o. B.V. Ggangadharaiah
No. 89, 4th Cross, CBI Road, Laxmiah Block, HAF Post,
Ganganagar, Bangalore - 560 024.
2. M/s. Induscut, Prop. Ravi Kumar .B.G.
No. 22, Shed No. 4, Bhagawati Complex, Peenya 3rd Phase, 8th Main,
Duggalamma Temple Road, Bengaluru - 560 058.
3. M/s. Induscut, Prop. Ravi Kumar .B.G.
No. 1214, Near Bhagya Lakshmi Crane, Magadi Main Road,
Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560079.
4. M/s. Induscut, Prop. Ravi Kumar .B.G.
Shop No. 360/361/1, 4th Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore - 560058.
5. Mr. B.V. Ggangadharaiah S/o. B.N. Venkatappa
No. 89, 4th Cross, CBI Road, Laxmiah Block, HAF Post,
Ganganagar, Bangalore - 560 024.
Sir / Madam,

At the request made by you, the **Bank of India, RPC Layout Branch** (hereinafter referred to as "The Bank") had granted Cash Credit facility with aggregating limits of **Rs. 82.00 Lakhs.** We give hereunder details of advance facility granted by the bank and the amount outstanding dues thereunder as on the date of notice :-

Nature of Facility	Sanction Limit	Ledger Outstanding Dues as on 07-01-2026
Cash Credit (842330110000113)	Rs. 82.00 Lakhs	Rs. 82,81,352/- + Intt.

2. The aforesaid credit facilities granted by the Bank are secured by the following Assets / Securities :

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No. 142, Corporation Khata No. 128/1/366/57/4/142, Situated at Kodigehalli, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Ward No. 8, Kodigehalli (Formerly Having Batarayanapura City Munipal Council Khata No. 57/4 and Carved out of Survey No. 57/4 of Nagashettyhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Measuring : East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq. Feet with a Residential Building thereon, In the name of Mr. B.V. Gangadharaiah, bounded on **East by :** Road, **West by :** Property No. 114, **North by :** Property No. 144, **South by :** Property No. 142.

3. As you have defaulted in repayment of your dues to the Bank, we have classified your accounts as Non-Performing Asset with effect from **06-01-2026** in accordance with the Directions / Guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.
4. For the reasons stated above, we hereby give you notice under Section 13(2) of the above noted Act and call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities by paying to the Bank a sum of **Rs. 82,81,352/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Two)** (Contractural dues upto the date of notice) along with further interest **@ 10.17 % p.a.** compounded with monthly rests and al costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank within a period of 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which please note that we will entirely at your risks as to costs and consequences exercise the powers vested with the Bank under Section13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, against the secured assets mentioned above.
5. While calling upon you to discharge your liability as above by payment of the entire dues to the Banks together with applicable interest, all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank till repayment and redeem the secured assets, within the period mentioned above, please take important note that as per section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of Secured assets will be available to you only till the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.
6. The amounts realized from exercising the powers mentioned above, will firstly be applied in payments of all costs, charges and expenses which are incurred by us and/ or any expenses incidental thereto, and secondly in discharge of the Bank's dues as mentioned above with contractual interest till the date of actual realization and the residue of the money, if any, after the Bank's entire dues fully recovered, shall be paid to you.
7. If the said dues are not fully recovered from the proceeds realised in the course of exercise of the said powers against the secured assets, we reserve our right to proceed against you before Courts of Competent Jurisdiction for recovery of the balance amount due along with all costs etc. incidental thereto from you.
8. Please take note that as per Section 13(13) of the aforesaid Act, after receipt of this notice, you are restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the secured assets referred to in this notice.
9. The undersigned is a duly Authorised Officer of the Bank to issue this notice and exercise powers under section 13 of the aforesaid Act.
10. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Bank.

Date : 07.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Bank of India**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my clients Sri Bhupendra P. Patel S/o Sri Popatlal Patel, Sri Diwani Suresh Hansraj S/o Sri Hansraj, Sri Kalpeshbhai Rameshbhai Manani S/o Sri Rameshbhai and Smt. Rajeshree Patel W/o Sri Manoj Manilal Patel, presently all R/at No. 385, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Royal County 8th Phase J.P. Nagar Bengaluru -83 intends to purchase the Schedule Property from Smt. Nagarathna Rajesh, W/o Late Sri Rajesh K. and her children R/at No. 54, 1st Main, Vignesh Castle, Subanna Garden Vijayanagar, Bengaluru -40, who represents that they are the absolute owners in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and that the Schedule Property is free from all kinds of encumbrances whatsoever and that there are no third party claims or rights on the Schedule Property.
Any person/s having any claim/s over the Schedule Property or having any objection/s about the above mentioned transaction may write to the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my clients will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable converted land bearing Sy. No. **42/6,** (Old No. 42/1)) measuring **1 Acre 01 gunta** situated at Kodigehalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballaura Taluk Bangalore Rural District, together with all appurtenances whether situated on below or above the surface, and bounded on the:
East by : Property of Eerappa
West by : Property of K.V. Papanna
North by : Main Road
South by : Property of Thimmaiah

M. MUNEGOWDA
Advocate and Consultant
No. 64/1, S.M. Plaza, 2nd Floor, Dr. D.V.G. Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore -04
Mobile: 9342878205;
Bangalore Dated: 17/01/2026

BEFORE THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XX ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
Original Suit No. 283 of 2026 (CCH-32)

BETWEEN: Ms. Anusha Rai D/o Habnumantharaya H, R at No.9026, 2nd floor Tower 9, Prestige Bagamane Temple Bells, 9th Main Road, Jawaregowda Nagar, Javarandoddi, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru 560098 **Plaintiff**
AND Mr. Chandu @ Chandan Prasad and Ors. Defendants
To, **NOTICE TO DEFENDANT No. 17- JOHN DOE ALIAS ASHOK KUMAR**
John Doe alias Ashok Kumar (Unknown Persons)
Being the administrators, owners, and handlers of Social Media and Profiles other unknown identitiesand unidentifiable accounts active on the social media platforms of the Defendant Nos. 1-34.
The Plaintiffs have filed the above suit seeking reliefs of declaration, permanent prohibitory injunction restraining the Defendants from publishing and uploading defamatory contents against the Plaintiffs, and mandatory injunction directing the Defendants to remove and delete such defamatory Content from all social media platforms.The Plaintiffs have filed A.No. 2 under Order 39 Rule 1 and 2 of CPC seeking temporary injunction and I.A. No. 3 under similar provisions seeking direction to remove, delete, disable access de-index, de- list and block all access containing defamatory statements against the Plaintiffs from social media.
Whereas, this Hon'ble Court on 13-Jan-2026 was pleased to pass the following Order:
"Defendants, their agents, officers or any other persons acting through or claiming right under the defendants are hereby restrained by an order of ex-parte ad-interim temporary injunction from telecasting or broadcasting or printing or publishing or circulating or posting or accommodating the posting or transmitting or web hosting or sharing or expressing any defamatory articles, news, images, photograph, video footage and/ or pictures involving or referring to plaintiff negatively impacting the plaintiff and committing any act or intentional omission raising negative image, character assassination or creating sarcastic views and leveling baseless and unverified allegations against the plaintiff and from discussing her character in any manner including showing live/still images or footages or pictures involving or referring to the plaintiff in any manner whatsoever, till the date of next hearing.
Defendants, their agents, servants, employees, their representatives, administrators, assignees and all other persons acting on their behalf or claiming through or under them are hearby directed to remove/delete/disable access/ de-index the defamatory material uploaded and published in the media and portals pertaining to the Plaintiff till the date of next hearing. 08.04.2026.
(The case is posted on next date of hearing: 08.04.2026)
Given under the hand and seal on this 14th January 2026 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Senior Seristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff: No. 296, Kamakshipalya, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560079
14.01.2026, Bangalore

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
Government of India Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru) 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

DEMAND NOTICE

FORM NO.14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
RC/1002/2024 IN OA NO. 1299/2018
UNION BANK OF INDIA
Versus
SMT BHUVANESHWARI V AND OTHERS

To
(CH) UNION BANK OF INDIA
Bannerghatta Road, No. 138 139/1,
Arekere Mico Gate. Ice Queens Buildings,
Near Reliance Mart, Bannerghatia Road,
Bangalore-560076, Karnataka
. **Certificate Holder**
VS
(CD1) Smt. Bhuvaneshwari V
W/o Muniswamy, No. 820,
Anjanapura BDA Layout,
Tulasipura Main Road,
Bangalore-560062, Karnataka.
(CD 2) Sri Muniswamy.M
S/o. Muniyappa.
No. 820, Anjanapura BDA Layout
Tulasipura Main Road,
Bangalore- 560062, Karnataka
(CD3) Sri V Vikram Kennedy
S/o Varadaraju,
No 09, Srinivasa Nilaya, Harinagar Cross, Kothanur Main Road, Anjanaoura Muneswara Layout, Bangalori-560062, Karnataka
. **....Certificate Debtors**
This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT 2) in OA/1299/2018** an amount of **Rs 18,09,053/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Nine Thousand Fifty Three Only)**Plus overdue interest @2% p.a along with pendentellite and future interest **@10.95%** Simple Interest yearly w.e.f. **02.08.2018** till realization and costs of **Rs.65,704/-(Rupees Sixty Five Thousand Seven Hundread and Four Only**) has become due jointly and severally from the Certificate Debotrs.
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3.Your are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4.our hereby order to appear before the undersigned within **15 days** from this notice
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **14.11.2024.**

Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT 2)

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, AT BENGALURU
Commercial Court Complex ,4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Ambedkar Veedhi, K. G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009
O. A. No.263/2023

Between: Karnataka Bank Limited, Mathimane Aramanekoppa GP Branch, Hosanagara Taluk, Rep by its Branch Manager **...Applicant**
And
M/s. Nagara Rice & flour Mill, Rep by its proprietor and 6 others ...Defendants

SUMMONS / NOTICE TO DEFENDANT No.6 AND DEFENDANT NO.7 UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. Mr. Archit Krishna Kamath, S/o. Late Krishna Kamath, No. S-70, Sri Nagashree Nilaya, 3rd Cross, 3rd Stage, Kirloskar Colony, Basaveshwarangar, Bengaluru - 560 079. **...Defendant No. 6**
2. Mrs . Radhika C. Ramachandra W/o. Late Ramachandra Gujarepete, Modugoppa, Nagar Post, Hosanagara, Shivamogga - 577 425. **...Defendant No.7**
Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against both of you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.43,81,340/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.
The above mentioned defendants are therefore hereby directed you to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorised agent in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **18.02.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** (forenoon) as to why relierfs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 16th day of January 2026.

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
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PUB/1772

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenders Are Requested To Visit The Website **www.ireps.gov.in** And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On **www.ireps.gov.in**."

Tender No.	Brief Description
LH257455	Supply & installation of FRP Modular Toilet
25254500A	Set of pins for brake Rigging
38255023	Modified Elastomeric Pad(Design-B)
29261125	Thermoplastic polyurethane spring
LH257446	One coach set of air spring Assemblies
LH257450	Bogie frame Assemblies
25253210A	Room temperature Vulcanising
67255005A	Supply Installation and commissioning of Hydraulic Re-Railing Equipment
25254496	Metallized Carbon strips for Pantographs
82255032	HQ MED GTE fully Automated Integrated clinical Chemistry and Immunoassay Analyser (CLIA)

Note: Due dates of tender opening
SL.No.01 on dt.23.01.2026.SL.No. 02&3 on dt.30.01.2026. SL.No. 04 on dt.04.02.2026 SL.No.05 to 09 on 06.02.2026. SL.No. 10 on dt.23.02.2026

CORRIGENDUM

1) Tender Notice No.54/2025 dt. 09.01.2026 may be read as below

Tender No.	Brief Description
52255010B	Ip Based VSS for Electric locos
LN256561B	Air spring 140 KN
33251513A	Brake Cylinder
33251514A	Higher Capacity Air spring Assembly
54255007B	Routers with WAN ports for Tier -2 and tier 3 locations of SCR
66259683	Procurement of valves etc, for Track Machine.
LN256561C	Higher capacity Air spring 180 KN
66259544	Track Machine spares of plasser make
66259542	Procurement of Valve etc for Track Machine.
38252363	NON-Asbestos "L" type
LN265039	Road shunting vehicle of 135T
60258788	PSC Guard rail Sleepers to T-8970
82255015	HQ MED GTE LAPROSCOPE SET
82255007A	HQ MED Modular Operation Theaters

SL.No.01 on dt..23.01.2026. SL.No.02 03 on dt.27.01.2026 SL.No.04 on 29.01.2026. SL.No. 05 on dt 30.01.2026 SL.No. 06 to10 on dt.02.02.2026 SL.No. 11 on dt.05.02.2026 SL.No.12 to14 on dt.09.02.2026

2) Tender Notice No.49/2025 dt. 05.12.2025 Tender No.29255033 due on 05.01.2026 Brieff Supply, erection, Commissioning may be read as Due date 23.01.2026 instead of existing

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Above **Rs.50 Lakhs.**
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-2 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 25.02.2026 from 01:00 pm to 03.00 pm . [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale],** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **24.02.2026.** **(₹. in Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Details and Full Description of the Property	Reserve Price & EMD
1.	**(1) Mr.Srinivasa Gowda B T** S/o. Mr,Thimmaiah, #813/A.1st Main Road, NGO Layout, Vrushabhavathi Nagar, Bangalore-560079. **(2) Mr.Srinivasa Gowda B T:** Also Available at # 17/3, Ashokapura Community Hall Road, Industrial Sub-Urb, Yeshwanthapura, Bangalore-560022. **(3) Mrs. Mangala H B (Guarantor)** W/o. Mr. Srinivasa B T, #813/A, 1st Main Road, NGO Layout, Vrushabhavathi Nagar, Bangalore-560079. **(4) M/s.V N G Developers (Builder) Represented by Its Managing Partner and Partner CH. Laxmareddy,** #M005, Renaissance Exotica Jakkur Plantation Road, Bellari Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064. **(5) Mr. Mukka Vinod Kumar (Builder Mng Partner) available at:** "Antrelia Homes" Sy.No.91/2,92/4 & 92/5 Thirumenahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North-560064. **6. Mr.C.H.Laxmareddy,** #M005, Renaissance Exotica Jakkur Plantation Road, Bellari Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064.	**Rs. 3,09,73,836.56 (Rupees Three Crore Nine Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six and Fifty Six Paisa Only) plus further interest thereon from 15.01.2026 and other expenses**	**SCHEDULE-A PROPERTY (Description of the full land where villa is being constructed) : "This property is under Tripartite Agreement"** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands being Sy.No.91/1, measuring 01 Acre 09 Guntas, Sy.No.91/2 measuring 04 Acres,Sy.No/92/4,measuring 02 Acres 26 Guntas and Sy. No.92/5, measuring 18 Guntas,altogethermeasuring 08 Acres 13 Guntas, Situated at Thirumenahalli Village,Yelahanka Hobli,Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. **SCHEDULE-B PROPERTY (Description of the villa with undivided/ proportionate share in the land) :** All that piece and parcel of the residential Plot being No.66, in a Layout known as **"ANTALIEA HOMES"** ,formed out of residentially converted lands to the extent of 08 Acres 13 Guntas in Sy.No.91/1,91/2,92/4 and 92/5 of Thirumenahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobbli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West 15 meter and North to South 9 meter, in all measuring 1453.14 Square Feet in the name of **Mr. Srinivasa Gowda B T** and bounded on the: East by : 9 Meter Road, West by : Plot No.61, North by : Plot No.65 and South by : Plot No.67. **SCHEDULE-C PROPERTY :** Residential Independent Villa No.66 to be constructed in Schedule B Property with a super built up area of 2835 Square Feet.	**Reserve Price Rs. 197.51** **EMD Rs. 19.76**

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.(b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer. (c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. (d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. (e) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **24.02.2026,** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. (i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.(ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (iii) Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com
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Date : 17.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised officer**
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U19 WC: No handshake at toss as India beat B'desh

The strained bilateral relations between India and Bangladesh filtered onto the cricket field as captains of the two teams abstained from customary handshake ahead of their U19 World Cup tie on Saturday. India went on to beat Bangladesh by 18 runs via DLS method in a thrilling finish. BCB later called it "unintentional and momentary lapse" by its team's skipper.

T20 WC: BCB wants to play in Sri Lanka, requests ICC to swap group

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN & FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

AFTER another day of discussion in Dhaka, the Bangladesh Cricket Board has requested the International Cricket Council (ICC) to swap group that would allow them to play in Sri Lanka. The BCB apparently has been quiet adamant that they would not play in India because of security concerns to their players and fans, and as reported by this newspaper on Wednesday, is more inclined towards playing in Sri Lanka.

The BCB had suggested that they should be moved form Group C where they have to play West Indies, Italy, England and Nepal to Group B in place of Ireland. Group B also includes hosts Sri Lanka, Australia, Oman and Zimbabwe. It needs to be seen if the ICC agrees to such a request, especially with Cricket Ireland saying that the global cricketing body has given them definite assurances of playing in Sri Lanka. The BCB had a meeting with two-member ICC delegate - Gaurav Saxena, General Manager, Events and Corporate Communications, and Andrew Ephgrave, General Manager, Integrity Unit -- in Dhaka on Saturday. Ephgrave has attended the meeting in person while Saxena virtually as he did not get a visa on time. "During the discussions, the BCB reiterated its formal request to the ICC to relocate Bangladesh's matches to Sri Lanka. The Board also shared the Bangladesh Government's views and concerns on safety and security of the team, Bangladeshi fans, media and other stakeholders," said BCB in a statement. "The discussions were conducted in a constructive, cordial and professional manner, with all parties engaging openly on the relevant issues. Among other points, the possibility of moving Bangladesh to a different group as a means of facilitating the matter with minimum logistical adjustments was discussed," said BCB.

From the BCB's side, its chief Mohammad Aminul Islam and vice presidents, director and Chairman of Cricket Operations Committee Nazmul Abedeen and Chief Executive Officer Nizam Uddin Chowdhury were present. It is understood that swapping groups could be difficult and the ICC may not agree to BCB demands. The whole issue started after Bangladesh pacer Mustafizur Rahman was dropped from the KKR team on Indian cricket board's directive.

ICC have given us definite assurances: Ireland

Meanwhile, an Irish board source has confirmed to this daily that ICC have given them assurances that their original schedule will remain as it is. "We've received definitive assurances that we won't move from the original schedule," the source told this daily. "We're definitely playing the Group Stage in Sri Lanka."

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BIG SERVICE DOWN UNDER

With the year's first Slam, the Australian Slam, a go, here's a look at the different subplots to watch out for from Melbourne Park...

Djokovic's great science experiment

Novak Djokovic could announce his retirement without playing another match and be recognised as the greatest to have ever played the game just because of his sheer weight of achievements. But the Serb is still grinding. After a mixed year – four semifinals at the Majors – there's solid evidence that he's still one of the best but finds it hard to beat Carlos Alcaraz or **Jannik Sinner** in best of five play. To that end, he has hired Dr Mark Kovacs, an elite sports science expert, to his entourage. Kovacs is renowned for his work in a number of areas including stretching, flexibility and optimum human performance. Will the former World No. 1 get to No. 25?

10 Djokovic has 10 titles at Melbourne

Sunday Special

Alcaraz's great unknown

Carlos Alcaraz's battle with Jannik Sinner – the duo have equally split the last eight Slams – will be one of the major themes throughout 2026. But how will his decision to move away from Juan Carlos Ferrero change his tennis ways? The Spaniard had coached him from the age of 15 so Alcaraz, in a way, is entering the unknown. It's what makes this one of the most eagerly anticipated subplots of the year. Ferrero wanted to stay but Alcaraz wanted a split. Will this lead to an evolution in the way Alcaraz plays? Nobody really knows why the World No. 1 has opted for this change but time will tell whether it was the correct decision.

Quarterfinal Alcaraz's best performance in Melbourne are two last eight appearances in 2024 and 2025. It's the only Major he is yet to win.

THE PROMISE OF TIEN AND FONSECA

A couple of generations tried their damnedest to break the Big Three stranglehold. The likes of Daniil Medvedev and Alexander Zverev are now established players with a very good record but between the three of the above-mentioned players, they have one Slam and a lot of disappointments. Now, the likes of Learner Tien (20) and Joan Fonseca (19) will try their best to break the duopoly. There's enough hype and they have the kind of game that will put bums on seats but that hasn't necessarily translated into results and big titles previously.

What separates him from a lot of the other guys in the draw is just his power — forehand, backhand, serve and just what he's able to bring point by point. He's exciting, he's got good aura, he's a very likeable character as well.
— Roger Federer's glowing praise for Fonseca

Live on Sony Sports Network

Swiatek's career Slam chatter

By her very lofty standards, Iga Swiatek didn't have a good start to 2025. She was expected to complete the career Slam last year but she lost in the semifinal to **Madison Keys**. The French Open – the clay is usually her friend – turned to be a foe and the Pole's form dipped alarmingly before she clinched Wimbledon. She was predictably asked about adding the one Major missing from her cabinet but she deadbatted away. However, the focus will remain on it when she takes to court for the opening round. She has the game as well as the intelligence to win but there's a very loaded field.

A loaded women's field

On the men's side, there's a generational duopoly. On the women's side, there are rivalries up and down but there's no clear-cut favourite. Sample this. Seven of the top eight in the women's section have at least been to a Major final (it's four on the men's side). And No. 9, Mirra Andreeva, still only 18, could be about to have a big year. It's what makes the women's game so much more exciting as there's jeopardy and a sense of unpredictability. That four different players won Majors is ample proof of that. 2026 promises to be more of the same.

India's continued fall

There was a time when Ramkumar Ramanathan was billed as the next great Indian tennis hope. On Friday, he reached the final of an ITF event. Sumit Nagal was ranked inside the world's top 100 a few years ago. On Friday, he was playing a Challenger in Thailand. When the qualifying list was out in December, it spoke volumes that no Indian managed to even qualify for the qualifier. It succinctly captures how far Indian men's singles tennis has fallen and how far it has to rise to even make it to the main draw of a Major. There is some doubles representation but a reminder. No tennis player enters the ecosystem dreaming of glory in doubles play.

Top five seeds | **Men:** Carlos Alcaraz, Jannik Sinner, Alexander Zverev, Novak Djokovic, Lorenzo Musetti | **Women:** Aryna Sabalenka, Iga Swiatek, Coco Gauff, Amanda Anisimova, Elena Rybakina

SUNDAY'S MATCHES (SELECT) | **Men:** Alcaraz vs Adam Walton Zverev vs Gabriel Diallo | **Women:** Sabalenka vs Tiantsoa Rajaonah, Emma Raducanu vs Mananchaya Sawangkaew

India's 50-over home dominance under threat

Hosts have lost only four ODI bilateral series in India since 2010

GOMESH S @ Chennai

ON Saturday, as India pacer Mohammed Siraj addressed the media ahead of the third and final one-day international (ODI) against New Zealand in Indore, questions about different players' form, roles, team environment and more started to fill the room. While it is not unusual for a senior player of the team to answer such questions, this time there seems to be a little more anxiety and tension in the air.

There are reasons too. After News Zealand secured the second ODI rather easily, India are now in a precarious position. If the visitors manage to eke out a victory in Indore on Sunday, they have a chance to make history for the second time in two years. Last time they beat India in red-ball series 3-0 and now if they win this will be their first white ball 50-over series win in India. If India's red-ball dominance at home in the 21st century is much revered and talked about before it was ended by New Zealand in 2024, their ODI record at home has largely been impeccable and something that seemed impregnable.

Since 2010, India have played 30 ODI series at home, losing only four. They lost to Pakistan in 2012, South Africa in 2015, and Australia in 2019 and 2023. Apart from these four, India have seldom put their foot wrong in home ODIs. And a big part of this positive run would be attributed to their top-order dominance and the two ODI legends — Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma. The duo leads the batting charts at home bilaterals since 2010 and the next active player in the list is KL Rahul (fifth). The trio are still integral part of the playing XI and are still winning matches for India, but what has changed in recent times is the relevancy of the format.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Indian players during a training session in Indore on Saturday | PTI

Blockbuster decider on cards

Winner takes all as India face New Zealand in third and final ODI. A look...

EYES ON ROHIT
Rohit Sharma is only behind Virat Kohli among ODI batters of this generation but there seems to be a shift in his pace after he was stripped of captaincy. Sharma, since October, has batted at a significantly lower strike rate compared to last three years. Will be interesting to see if that continues.

WILL NITISH PLAY?
Indore has historically been a high-scoring white-ball ground and it remains to be seen whether Nitish Kumar Reddy retains his place. The youngster did not do much in Rajkot and the post-match comments brought the limelight on him. Will the team stick to him or will they go for an extra spin option in Ayush Badoni.

India vs New Zealand, Indore | Live on Star Sports & JioHotstar, 1.30PM

Focus on Sinner-Alcaraz once again in Oz Open

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

(L-R) Lleyton Hewitt, Roger Federer, Ash Barty, Andre Agassi and Pat Rafter | AFP

THERE is always some kind of romance surrounding the first Grand Slam of the year. The only Slam to be played on the other hemisphere of the world, has its own charm. The longest Grand Slam final between Novak Djokovic, who is defying age to play his 81st Grand Slam this year and another legend now-retired Rafael Nadal was played on this surface in 2012. The ebb and flow still resonates across the Rod Laver Arena as the match ended after a gruelling five sets in 5 hours 53 minutes. There were sobbing scenes when Roger Federer lifted the trophy at the age of 36 after making a stunning comeback from injury.

2026 is a different era, different time. New champions have started filling in the shoes left behind by some of the games' greatest. As another instalment of Australian Open gets under way on Sunday, the limelight would shift to two of tennis' most-loved players of this generation — Carlos Alcaraz (world No 1) and Jannik Sinner (No 2). Their fabled rivalry has yet to transcend into eternal greatness like those of Fderer vs Nadal but as things stand, it does have the ingredients to become one. Last year they met four Grand Slam finals and shared two each. This year could be the same.

One of India's former No 1 player Somdev Devvarman would be watching and looking into the finer details of the Australian Open. And like the entire world, he too would be setting his eyes on the Spaniard and the Italian. "The way they have ended 2025, the fact that they have won nine of the last nine Slams, they are getting better and stronger. The current age where they are at historically tells us that they are only going to get better from here on," Devvarman said during an interaction.

The other spotlight would be on the Djokovic, who has won the highest number of Grand Slams in the world. Devvarman felt that Djokovic's challenge may continue in 2026. The Serbian reached the semifinals in all Grand Slams but failed to reach the final for the first time since 2017. "The age that Djokovic tells us that things are going to start getting a little tougher. So, as a tennis fan you wonder, does Novak have one more left? If he does, does he need help from his peers? Or is it possible at all? Main question of men's tennis, at least for now," he said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Patil, Fulmali back in T20I team for Oz tour

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AFTER being out of the Indian team for more than 15 months, off-spinning all-rounder Shreyanka Patil is back in the national side for the Australia tour. Patil, along with Bharti Fulmali, has been named in the T20I squad for the multi-format series Down Under.

Patil got injured during the 2024 T20 World Cup and have been out of the team since. Making a comeback in the ongoing Women's Premier League, the youngster has taken eight wickets in four games including a fifer against Gujarat Giants on Friday. On the back of her performance, Patil has been named in the T20I side. Meanwhile, Fulmali, who has 92 runs at 92 46 average and 191.66 strike rate so far, has earned her second India call-up. India will play three ODIs, as many T20Is and a Test match in Perth. Kashvee Gautam is also named for the ODI series. While the selection committee have named the white-ball squads, they are yet to announce the team for the only Test Down Under.**T20I squad:** Harmanpreet (C), Mandhana (VC), Verma, Thakur, Sree Charani, Vaishnavi, Gaud, Rana, Deepti, Richa (WK), G Kamalini (WK), Arundhati, Amanjot, Jemimah, Bharti, Shreyanka; **ODI squad:** Harmanpreet (C), Mandhana (VC), Verma, Thakur, Sree Charani, Vaishnavi, Kranti, Rana, Deepti, Richa Ghosh (WK), G Kamalini (WK), Kashvee, Amanjot, Jemimah, Deol.

Lanning help UP beat MI, Smriti shines

ENS @ Chennai

SKIPPER Meg Lanning and fellow Australian Phoebe Litchfield struck dominating half centuries to set up UP Warriorz's comprehensive 22-run win over defending champions Mumbai Indians in the Women's Premier League (WPL) here on Saturday. Later, Smriti Mandhana's 96 took Royal Challengers Bengaluru home vs Delhi Capitals.

Put in to bat, Lanning (70) and Litchfield (61) shared 119 runs for the second wicket off just 76 balls to take UP Warriorz to 187/8. In reply, Mumbai struggled all throughout with their top batters failing to make it count. In the end, they fell short by 22 runs.

EXPRESS READ

Markram ton helps DSG stay alive in SA20

DURBAN: Aiden Markram blazed the second SA20 century of his career to keep Durban's Super Giants' season alive. The Proteas T20 captain showed that he is the man for the big occasion, flexing his biceps by smashing 108 off 58 balls (12x4, 5x6), with DSG's season on the line.

Utd dominate City in Manchester derby

MANCHESTER: Manchester United gave Michael Carrick a dream start to his interim tenure, beating Manchester City 2-0 to deal a huge blow to their rivals' PL title aspirations. Meanwhile, Tottenham Hotspur lost 1-2 at home to lowly West Ham.

INDIA OPEN

The unstoppable force & might of South Korean Se-young

ANMOL GURUNG @ New Delhi

An Se-Young in action during the match at India Open on Saturday | SHEKHAR YADAV

AN Se-young, over the years, has made winning a quotidian exercise. Hers is a unique case that maybe merits a proper research about her overall game, her mental fortitude that seems to be impenetrable at the moment. Every new tournament, her rivals come with a mission to unlock her weakness. They end up scratching their heads.

An enters the court, plays the games on her terms and generally walks away with a W. That has been the story so far at the India Open here. An came, conquered and marched into the finals without a fuss, notching up her 29th consecutive victory on BWF World Tour in the process. That level of consistency is simply remarkable in a sport which is highly demanding at the top level.

Sporting her trademark headband, the World No 1 produced a badminton clinic on Saturday. It was at Ratchanok Intanon's expense, who was one of the shuttlers who had entered the Super 750 meet with hopes to unlock the mystery behind her methods. An, with her usual steely focus, was spot on as usual. With her meticulously crafted drop shots, powerful forehand smashes, fine movement around the court and her swift agility, An snuffed the life out of the seasoned opponent from Thailand, who was fighting a losing battle. After 32 minutes of An's visible superiority, it was all done and dusted. The South Korean An, the Paris Olympic gold medallist and 2023 world champion, was bowing to the crowd after making light work of Intanon. The score read 21-11, 21-7. When asked what makes An near-invincible, Intanon said she forces her opponent to err by dictating the pace of the game. "When she plays with others, she plays a different style but when she faces me, she brings her other game. I can play well but now, I cannot play faster as compared to her game. Sometimes I'm still stuck figuring out how to be faster, and when I try to play faster, I end up making errors," Intanon said. **Select results:** MS: J Christie bt L Kean Yew 21-18, 22-20; WS: An Se Young bt R Intanon 21-11, 21-7; Wang Zhi Yi bt Chen Yu Fei 21-15, 23-21; WD: 1 Sheng/Tan bt Baek/Lee 21-12, 17-21, 21-14; Fukushima/Matsumoto bt Tan/Muralitharan 21-16, 21-13; XD: Puavaranukroh/Paewsampran bt Feng/Huang 16-21, 21-19, 21-16.

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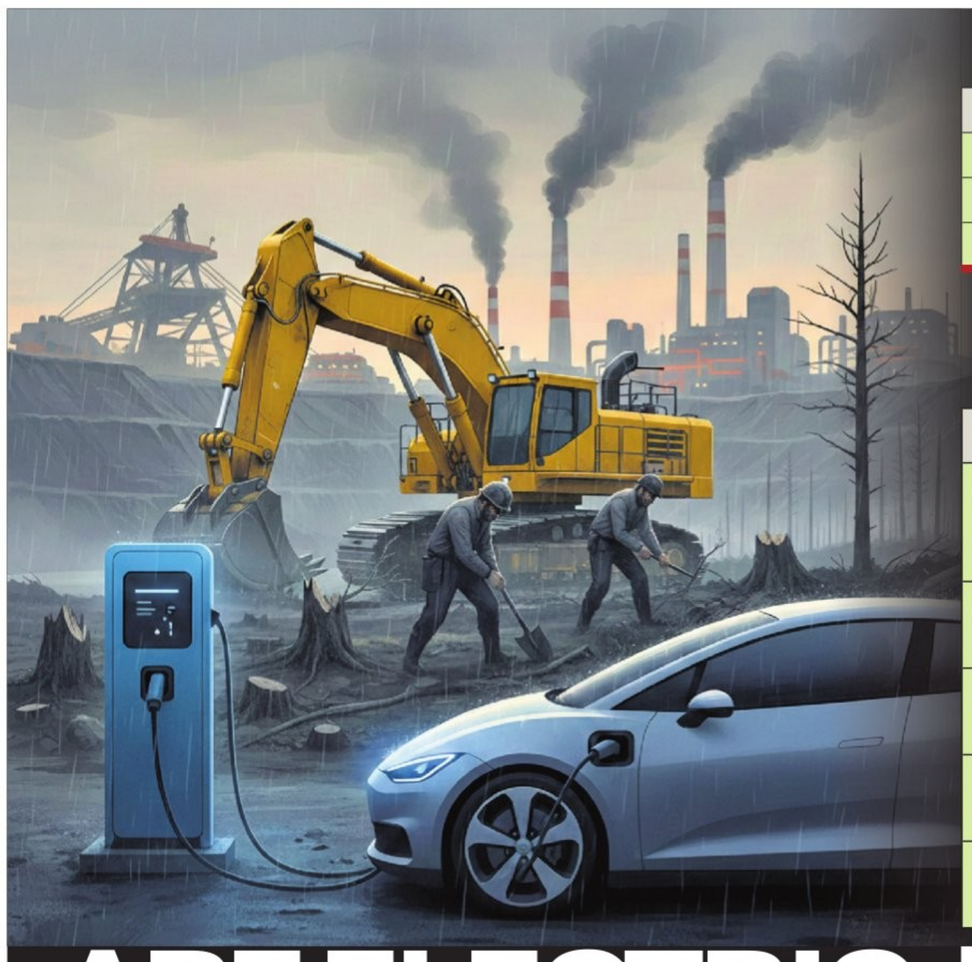
Unwanted 'material' brings game to halt again

India Open witnessed yet another unwanted incident on Saturday. A women's doubles affair between top-seeded Chinese pairing of Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning and sixth seeds Baek Ha Na and Lee So Hee of Korea was briefly halted after debris fell from the rooftop of the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex. The incident occurred when the Chinese duo was leading 6-3 in Game 1. The match officials stopped the tie for a few minutes before inspecting what had fallen and cleaning it. The players initially felt that it was bird droppings, but the BWF officials later clarified that the interruption was caused by 'materials from a bird's nest'. This edition of the India Open has been marred by controversies since the opening day.

Starting Jan 1, China slashed EV subsidy from 20% to 12% of a newly bought car's cost. The maximum subsidy, however, remained capped at 20,000 yuan

In contrast, those who purchase a petrol-powered vehicle get a 10% subsidy, with the maximum amount set at 15,000 yuan. This has made petrol cars more attractive



Total implied subsidy embedded in EV prices

Vehicle segment	Estimated total subsidy (H)	Implied price suppression
Electric two-wheeler	₹25,000–₹60,000	15–30%
Electric car (₹14–16 lakh range)	₹4–₹7 lakh	30–45%
Electric commercial vehicles	₹3–₹6 lakh	25–40%

EV subsidy break-up and implied price impact in India

Subsidy component	Nature of subsidy	Typical benefit (₹)	% impact on EV price
FAME-II demand incentive	Overt (direct fiscal subsidy)	₹50,000–₹1.5 lakh (cars); up to 15–40% earlier for 2-wheelers	10–30% (segment-dependent)
Preferential GST (5%)	Covert (tax expenditure)	₹2–3 lakh on a ₹15 lakh EV	15–25%
State purchase subsidy	Overt (state fiscal support)	₹50,000–₹2.5 lakh (state-dependent)	5–15%
Road tax & registration waiver	Covert (fee exemption)	₹50,000–₹1.5 lakh	3–8%
Subsidised charging & infra support	Covert (capital & tariff support)	Not upfront; lowers running cost	Indirect (lifecycle cost)

ARE ELECTRIC CARS ALWAYS CLEANER?

Carbon accounting of petrol, electricity, and India's coal grid

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ELECTRIC vehicles (EVs) are frequently presented as a panacea for the intractable problem of vehicular pollution. This presumption, however, rests on a partial reading of emissions. A widening body of academic research demonstrates that the climatic footprint of a vehicle is not determined solely by the technology that turns its wheels, but by the entire energy architecture that sustains its motion. When two vehicles of identical mass and horsepower are juxtaposed—one powered by petrol, the other by electricity generated from fossil fuels—the carbon calculus becomes markedly more intricate than tailpipe-centred comparisons suggest.

To grasp this complexity, researchers rely on well-to-wheel (WTW) and life-cycle assessment (LCA) frameworks. These analytical instruments trace emissions from the point of fuel extraction and processing—the "well"—through conversion, transmission, and ultimately energy use at the wheels.

Comparison between internal combustion engines and EVs

A conventional petrol vehicle converts chemical energy into mechanical motion through an internal combustion engine, a process characterised by profound thermodynamic inefficiency. Canonical engineering studies show that barely 15–20 per cent of petrol's energy content is converted into useful work, with the remainder dissipated as waste heat through exhaust and cooling systems. From a carbon standpoint, the combustion of petrol releases approximately 2.3 kg of CO_2 per litre. When upstream emissions arising from crude oil extraction, refining, and transportation are incorporated, the well-to-wheel emissions of a typical petrol car in India fall within the range of 150–180 grams of CO_2 per km, contingent upon vehicle efficiency and driving conditions.

Electric motors convert roughly 85–90 per cent of electrical energy into motion. But EVs do not generate energy. They depend on electricity that charges their batteries. EV performance is grid-dependent by design. This dependence becomes decisive in countries such as India, where electricity generation remains overwhelmingly coal-based (more than 75 per cent).

Scenario One: Petrol burned at the power plant

Consider a thought experiment. Instead of combusting petrol within a vehicle engine, the same fuel is burned in a thermal power plant to generate electricity, which is then used to charge an EV. Under real-world operating conditions, thermal power plants convert fuel into electricity at efficiencies of roughly 33–38 per cent. In India, an additional 15–17 per cent of generated electricity is lost during transmission and distribution before it reaches the end user. Charging losses and battery inefficiencies further erode usable energy by approximately 15–20 per cent.

Once these layered inefficiencies are aggregated, the ostensible efficiency superiority of EVs is substantially reduced. Multiple well-to-wheel studies demonstrate that an EV powered by electricity generated from petroleum products yields only a marginal reduction—and in some cases no reduction at all—in CO_2 emissions relative to a petrol internal combustion engine vehicle. The apparent advantage dissolves once upstream losses are fully internalised.

Scenario Two: India's coal-dominated grid

The comparison becomes more fraught when electricity is generated not from petrol but from coal. Coal-based electricity in India exhibits a high carbon intensity, frequently exceeding 800–900 grams of CO_2 per kilowatt-hour at the point of generation. When transmission and distribution losses are incorporated, the effective emissions per delivered kilowatt-hour escalate further. Peer-reviewed studies find that EVs charged on coal-heavy grids can emit between 200 and 226 grams of CO_2 per km on a well-to-wheel basis.

EVs and the hidden architecture of subsidies

Beneath the rapid global proliferation of EVs lies a dense, often obfuscated lattice of overt and covert subsidies.

- **Overt subsidies:** Overt subsidies constitute the most visible instruments of state intervention. These include direct purchase incentives, tax rebates, reduced registration fees, and production-linked incentives for manufacturers. The United States' federal tax credit of up to USD 7,500, generous purchase bonuses across Europe, and China's expansive pre-2022 subsidy regime were central to early EV adoption. Empirical research corroborates this effect. A global econometric analysis finds EV demand to be highly price-elastic: a 1 per cent reduction in effective purchase price increases EV sales by approximately 2.5–3 per cent. Subsidies, in other words, translate into sales more than proportionately.

India's experience conforms to this pattern. Under FAME-II, combined with GST reductions (from 12 per cent to 5 per cent) and state-level incentives, EV prices—particularly in the two-wheeler segment—were effectively reduced by 30–50 per cent. Empirical studies identify a statistically significant relationship between subsidy intensity and EV uptake, especially for electric two- and three-wheelers.

- **Covert subsidies:** The invisible supports are less conspicuous, yet no less consequential. These encompass publicly financed charging infrastructure, preferential electricity tariffs, subsidised land for battery manufacturing, research grants, relaxed regulatory treatment, and import-duty exemptions for critical components. Globally, such support is substantial: the IEA estimates cumulative public spending on EV charging infrastructure exceeded USD 35 billion by 2023.

In India, most public charging stations are funded or co-funded by central and state governments, while distribution companies absorb part of the cost of preferential tariffs—effectively a cross-subsidy borne by other electricity consumers.

What happens when subsidies are withdrawn?

Cross-national evidence indicates that subsidy withdrawal precipitates price increases and adoption slowdowns, at least in the short to medium term. Germany's reduction of EV purchase incentives in 2023 was followed by a marked deceleration in EV sales growth. Comparable effects were observed in Sweden and the Netherlands, particularly in private leasing markets. EU-level modelling suggests that eliminating purchase subsidies would significantly curtail EV market share, especially among middle-income households. In the United States, analysis indicates that up to half of early EV purchases would not have occurred absent subsidies.

Indian assessments are not much different. Without FAME-II and associated tax concessions, most mass-market electric two-wheelers and cars would struggle to compete with ICE alternatives, particularly given higher financing costs and persistent range anxiety. Bernstein Research concludes that the Indian EV industry "is not viable at scale without incentives" under prevailing cost structures. In a parliamentary response, the Minister of State for Heavy Industries stated that 6,559 crore had been disbursed as EV demand incentives up to 31 March 2025, benefiting 1,616,215 vehicles.

Price scenarios without subsidies

If these subsidies were withdrawn, EV prices would rise through multiple channels:

The removal of direct purchase incentives would immediately raise sticker prices by approximately 10–30 per cent, depending on the segment. The reinstatement of standard GST and road taxes would add a further 5–10 per cent. Infrastructure costs, no longer socialised, would increasingly be passed on to consumers via higher charging tariffs.

In the Indian context, the elimination of direct subsidies, preferential GST treatment, and state-level fiscal support would plausibly raise EV prices by roughly 30–45 per cent overall, fundamentally reconfiguring the affordability calculus that currently sustains EV adoption.

Carbon debt of electric vehicles: Manufacturing, materials, and the limits of decarbonisation

While EVs eliminate tailpipe emissions, this framing occludes a critical dimension: the substantial carbon debt incurred during manufacturing, particularly battery production.

Carbon debt refers to the upfront greenhouse gas emissions generated during raw material extraction, component manufacturing, and vehicle assembly. Life-cycle analysis studies consistently show that EVs leave the factory with higher embodied emissions than comparable petrol or diesel vehicles.

Lithium-ion battery production is the single largest contributor. Mining and refining lithium, nickel, cobalt, manganese, copper, and graphite, followed by energy-intensive cell manufacturing, generate emissions estimated at 60–100 kg CO -eq per kWh of battery capacity. For a mid-size EV with a 60–75 kWh battery, this translates into 4–7 tonnes of CO -eq even before accounting for the remainder of the vehicle. EVs also require greater quantities of aluminium and copper to offset battery mass—materials whose production is itself highly carbon-intensive.

Battery degradation compounds these concerns. EV batteries typically lose 20–30 per cent of capacity after 100,000 miles. Replacement costs can approach USD 20,000, rendering EV ownership economically untenable for lower-income households. Absent robust recycling systems, discarded battery packs pose serious contamination risks. Battery recycling infrastructure is limited and technologically demanding. In the United Kingdom, tens of thousands of used EV batteries remain in storage, with only a small fraction recycled. Resource scarcity and geopolitical concentration further complicate the picture. Battery material supply chains are frequently associated with labour abuses and ecological degradation in producer countries, while dependence on a narrow set of processors—particularly in China—renders the EV ecosystem vulnerable to geopolitical shocks.

Carbon payback and policy implications

The environmental case for EVs ultimately hinges on carbon payback: the point at which lower operational emissions offset higher manufacturing emissions. While most LCAs agree that EVs do achieve payback, the distance and time required vary sharply with grid composition. In coal-dominated systems such as India's, the payback horizon lengthens considerably, rendering decarbonisation contingent on power-sector transformation rather than vehicle technology alone.

EVs eliminate tailpipe emissions but accrue carbon debt during production, generate non-exhaust pollution, and confront binding constraints arising from material scarcity and recycling inadequacies. Their climate advantage is contingent rather than absolute. In India, as elsewhere, EV markets are ineluctably policy-constructed, resting on layered subsidies. Any sustainable mobility strategy must therefore reckon with manufacturing emissions, end-of-life governance, and material trade-offs—not merely the absence of smoke at the tailpipe.

17A: PROTECTS CORRUPT BABUS? OR PURGES POLICY PARALYSIS?

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THE Supreme Court's recent split verdict on the constitutional validity of Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA) has raised questions about the robustness of India's primary legislative framework for anti-corruption. The section, which mandates prior government approval before investigating public servants for corruption allegations, was partially read down and upheld as constitutional by Justice K V Viswanathan while it was struck down by Justice B V Nagarathna. The case will now go to a larger bench.

Anti-graft laws in India

Public servants in India can be penalised for corruption under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA), 1988. The Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988 prohibits benami transactions linked to corruption. The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 also penalises public servants for the offence of money laundering. The Prevention of Corruption Act was enacted to streamline all legislation pertaining to such offences committed by public servants.

Section 17A

Section 17A of the PCA bars investigative agencies from probing public servants without prior approval from the government. The section was introduced in July 2018 through an amendment to the Act. It bars the police from conducting any inquiry without prior approval of the competent authority (Central government, state government, or the authority empowered to remove him/her from office). The only exception is cases involving arrest on the spot for accepting or attempting to accept a bribe.

The section was brought in to protect public servants from harassment through frivolous complaints, creating a statutory filter to screen complaints before any full-fledged investigation can be launched. This way, it also ensures that investigations are conducted with proper oversight. Critics argue that such a pre-condition effectively makes investigations against senior officials a non-starter, while the government claims such provisions are essential to protect honest officers and prevent 'policy paralysis'.

The petition

In November 2018, the Centre for Public Litigation moved the Supreme Court complaining that Section 17A attacks the heart of the anti-graft law. It said the amendment seeks to stall investigations at the very threshold for want of sanction. The petitioner's counsel, Prashant Bhushan, argued that the requirement for prior approval for investigation mirrored similar provisions already struck down by the Supreme Court in earlier cases. The petition also sought to point out the conflict of interest that Section 17A throws up as it allows higher government authorities, including ministers who may themselves be involved in decision-making, to decide whether an investigation should start.

Single Directive

Section 17A of PCA is not the first such provision the government inserted to shield public servants. In 1969, the then Central government issued the Single Directive, a consolidated set of executive instructions, to the CBI on initiating inquiries and registering cases against senior officials of the government, public sector units and nationalised banks, mandating prior approval for such probes. In December 1997, the Supreme Court struck it down as unconstitutional in Vineet Narain v. Union of India, better known as the Jain hawala case.

Section 6A of DPSE Act

Six years later, in 2003, the government introduced Section 6A of the Delhi Special Police Establishment (DPSE) Act to restore the prior approval requirement for investigating senior officials. Section 6A(1) stipulated that any investigation into charges against officers of the rank of joint secretary and above can begin only after government approval. This looked like the Single Directive being reintroduced with a new name. The Supreme Court struck down this provision, too, in Subramanian Swamy v Union of India. The 2014 judgment held that the section violated the norm of equality as it extended protection only to a higher class of officials and not everyone.

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